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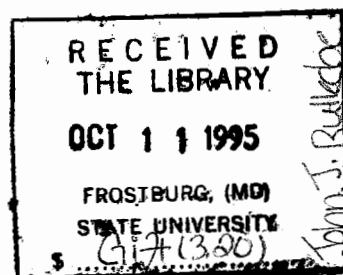
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PREFACE

This report is the result of many years' investigation of the coal deposits of western Maryland. Elaborate surveys of the coal measures which afforded in part the basis for the reports on Allegany and Garrett counties were made. Many details not incorporated in the county reports are brought out in the present volume including great numbers of sections of the various coal seams together with chemical analyses and calorimetric tests. A series of maps showing the distribution of the several seams is also included, although the large scale maps accompanying the county reports must be employed by those who desire to locate carefully the outcrops of the several seams. The chapters on the History of the Maryland Coal Region by B. S. Randolph and the description of the Coal Mines of Maryland by N. Allen Stockton, well-known mining engineers of the Georges Creek region add much to the value of the report. The tables of chemical analyses and calorimetric tests by the analytical chemists Penniman and Browne, will be greatly appreciated by those seeking information regarding the character of Maryland coal. The other authors have been members of the staff of the State Geological Survey and have been engaged for many years in the study of the geological formations of the western counties of the State. Assistance was rendered the authors by A. P. Romine, R. B. Rowe, G. G. Townsend, and David Dunn, who measured some of the sections and collected samples of coal.

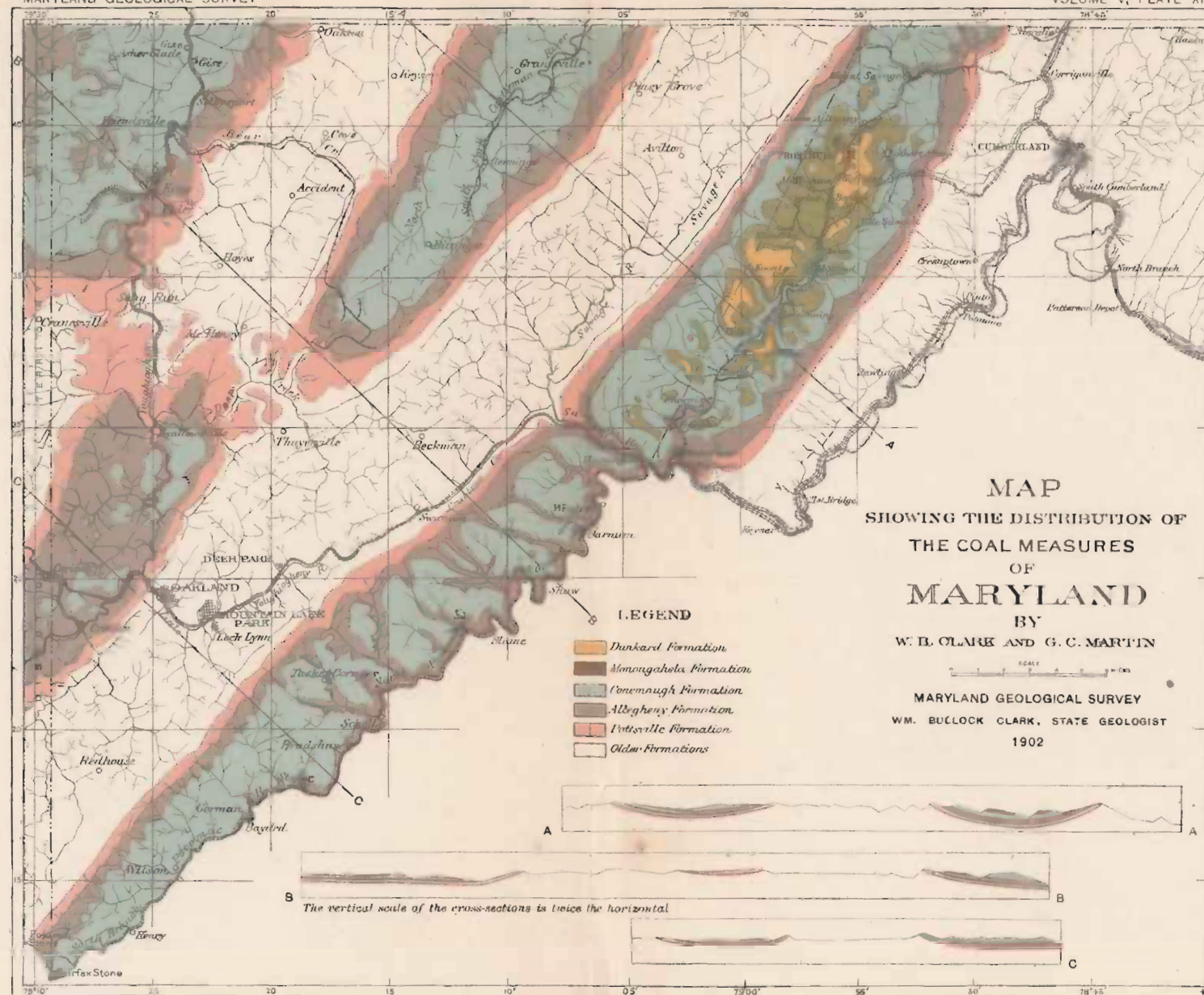
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INTRODUCTION

The coal deposits of Maryland are confined to the western part of the State where for more than half a century they have afforded the basis of the most important mineral industry in Maryland. They have been studied by geologists since the early days of geological investigation in Maryland and a copious literature has resulted in which both the geological and economic conditions have been extensively discussed. The proximity of the coal areas of western Maryland to those of Pennsylvania on the north and of West Virginia on the south and west has likewise led to the incorporation of the Maryland district in the discussions of those two regions, and a study of the geological literature of those states will, therefore, afford much information regarding the coal deposits of Maryland. Many of the names employed for the formations and coal seams of Maryland have, moreover, been proposed by the geologists of these neighboring commonwealths, while, on the other hand, the great economic importance of the Georges Creek basin and its early study led in some instances to the employment of terms there which have likewise been adopted in neighboring areas. The relations of the Maryland deposits to those of adjacent states will accordingly form an important chapter in the discussion which follows.

No question has more fully occupied the attention of the present State Geological Survey than the coal deposits of Allegany and Gar-

rett counties, both on account of their present commercial importance and the possibility of their greatly increased development in areas that are at present unworked. Maps of the geology showing the several formations and their contained coal beds have been prepared on a large scale and have already been issued in the volumes dealing with Allegany and Garrett counties. Less attention will be paid to the geological features in the present paper, most of the report being devoted to the distribution, character, and availability of the coal beds.

HISTORY OF THE USE OF COAL.

The use of coal dates back to the very earliest times although its consumption in large amounts covers only a short period. The Chinese made use of coal in the far distant past and the people inhabiting the northern shores of the Mediterranean also employed it from the earliest period of recorded history, Greek literature as early as the fourth century B. C. containing accounts of its properties. The ancient Britons were also using coal at the time of the Roman invasion. From these early periods the importance of coal as a fuel, even for simple metallurgical, smithing, and domestic purposes, came to be but slowly recognized until the invention of the steam engine in the middle of the eighteenth century brought about a greatly increased use of coal which has advanced with rapid strides, until to-day coal is the greatest single factor in the industrial life of the world.

Although it seems probable that the existence of coal in America was known to the Indians before the advent of the whites, yet the first authentic use of it for commercial purposes dates from the year 1769 when a blacksmith in Pennsylvania employed anthracite for fuel in his forge. Notwithstanding this and other local uses of coal in the anthracite region the beginning of the Pennsylvania coal trade only dates from 1807 when the first regular shipments of coal began on the Susquehanna river. By 1820 this had materially increased and from that time on, down to the present day, the anthracite coal

trade has had a rapid development. Great difficulty was encountered in earlier years in making people believe that mineral coal could be successfully used as fuel and the earliest shippers of Pennsylvania anthracite accompanied their shipments, taking grates which were set up in public houses to demonstrate the use and value of this fuel.

The use of bituminous coal also dates from the latter part of the eighteenth century, a coal mine being reported as opened in the vicinity of what is now the city of Pittsburg even earlier than the date of the first authentic use of anthracite, but no reliable records regarding it can be secured. It is known, however, that after 1794 when the first steam engine was employed in Pittsburg the demand for bituminous coal increased and that within a few years a number of mines had already been opened in the region. Bituminous coal was not employed to any extent for industrial purposes, however, until about 1825, in which year it is reported that about 3500 tons of coal were used in the vicinity of Pittsburg. From that time on the soft coal output has increased rapidly until it now surpasses the anthracite. The Northern Appalachian coal field from its proximity to the great manufacturing centers has always been the most important bituminous coal field in the United States.

Although coal was discovered near Frostburg at least as early as 1782,¹ the first eastern shipments from the Maryland coal district were not made, so far as known, until 1820, when small amounts were transported by barges down the Potomac river. Since the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1842 and of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in 1850, the output from the Maryland mines has very rapidly increased and numerous companies are now engaged in the mining of coal in Maryland.

The development of the southern Appalachian coal field dates from a later period than the northern Appalachian field, although coal was mined in the Birmingham district as early as 1836. It was not,

¹Carte générale des Treize Etats Unis et Indépendants de l'Amérique Septentrionale d'après M. Bonne, 1782, shows a "Mine de Charbon" at the mouth of Georges Creek.

however, until after the close of the Civil War that the great importance of this district became apparent.

Of more importance even than the anthracite and bituminous coals of Carboniferous age in the eastern states in these early days were the Triassic coals of the Richmond basin in Virginia which until the late thirties were more extensively mined than any other coal beds of the United States with the exception of the anthracite coals of Pennsylvania. Even as early as 1789 shipments had been made from this region to northern cities. This field is, however, of relatively small importance at the present day compared with the great areas of Carboniferous coal to the westward.

The coal fields west of the Alleghanies were much later in development than those of the eastern fields, although the bituminous coal of the interior region was already mined to some extent during the decade from 1830 to 1840. Considerable shipments were made down the Ohio river soon after 1840, and from that time on the importance of the coal deposits of the interior became more and more marked as the region became more fully settled.

The development of coal on the Pacific coast was of still more recent date, the industry attaining little importance until after 1860, when coal began to be shipped in considerable quantities to San Francisco and other points from mines in California, Oregon, and Washington. The development of the coal industry on the Pacific coast has encountered many vicissitudes because of the many difficulties encountered in the mining operations.

ORIGIN OF COAL.

Coal is formed from vegetable débris. This is shown from the chemical composition of the materials and their association with definitely recognizable roots, trunks, branches, and leaves of a character typical of the period when the coal deposits were laid down. The state of preservation of the plant remains depends to a considerable extent on the stage of alteration of the materials, although the organic structure is generally entirely obliterated in the main body of all coal

seams. Plant remains are generally present, however, in the shales and clays overlying and underlying the coal bed, and it is not uncommon to find the layers beneath the coal penetrated by rootlets which branch in all directions as in the soils and subsoils of the present day. At times these adjacent beds afford vast numbers of determinable plant remains in which the most delicate structures are preserved. In this way paleontologists have been able to show the character of the forests of the period of coal formation and even to describe the accompanying insect life, caught in the exuding gum of the trees.

Every gradation from unaltered vegetable *débris* through peat, lignite, bituminous coal, semi-bituminous coal, semi-anthracite, anthracite, graphitic anthracite to graphite may be found and there is every reason to believe that all of these materials have had a common origin, although their method of accumulation may have varied in different localities.

Two views have been advanced to account for the deposition of vegetable *débris* in sufficiently large quantities to produce beds of coal. By the first its origin would be explained through the growth and burial of the material in the place where it is now found; by the second through the transportation of the material by stream and shore currents from the nearby land of the period, and its deposition in shallow waters not far from shore, like other sediments.

By those holding the first view coal deposits have been compared to sphagnum or peat-like accumulations in marshes, or cypress and mangrove swamps which have gradually spread along low shore-lines for great distances and through slow subsidence been buried and protected by muddy and sandy sediments. As coal deposits are often found at successive horizons through a thickness of thousands of feet, the same conditions of plant accumulations must necessarily have persisted throughout the entire period, with the exception of longer or shorter interruptions when the muddy and sandy beds were laid down. By those holding this view it is considered impossible on any other grounds to account for the existence of vertical tree trunks with their roots branching in the soil in which they evidently lived.

A succession of sixty-eight such forest growths has been described by Dawson in the Carboniferous strata of Nova Scotia.

By those holding the view that coal seams have been formed from vegetable débris derived from the adjacent land, no other explanation is considered possible for the stratified character of so many coals, with their shale and clay partings. The gradual change at times of coal beds laterally into shaly and even sandy deposits is also considered evidence of their origin in this way. Furthermore, the very homogeneous and almost structureless character of many coals is cited, and the fact that the calcium sulphate of sea-water could readily reduce vegetable débris to a pulp-like mass destroying all plant structure. The existence also at times of marine organisms in deposits interstratified with the coal beds is likewise introduced to support the interpretation that the coal was formed in such cases in waters open to the sea and in a manner similar to other sediments.

In the light of this more or less conflicting evidence it seems more than probable that both processes have been in operation and that some coal beds have been formed *in situ* as first described, while others have accumulated in shallow waters like other sediments. Only in this way can all the phenomena be satisfactorily explained.

Many suggestions have been made regarding the climate during the period of formation of such extensive deposits of vegetable débris as characterize the Carboniferous and Cretaceous periods. Some have advanced the view that the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere must have been far greater than at the present time. It is quite possible that there has been a diminution of this gas in the atmosphere in later geological periods but it seems hardly probable that the amount at the close of the Paleozoic could have been greatly in excess of that now prevailing since even in the Carboniferous period there were numerous air-breathing animals such as the labyrinthodonts and the insects which could hardly have existed in an atmosphere very different from that of the present day.

The suggestion that the climate must have been much warmer to account for such a luxuriant growth of coal-producing plants is like-

wise difficult of acceptance when there is the best of evidence of the existence of glaciers in Carboniferous time even within the limits of the present tropical zone. It seems probable, however, that the climate was in general moist since the flora of the period spread widely over the land areas of the globe, extending even into arctic latitudes.

The enormous thickness of the accumulation of vegetable débris may be appreciated when it is known that not less than seven feet of closely compacted vegetable débris is necessary to produce a foot of bituminous coal, and that ten feet of similar material is required to produce one foot of anthracite coal. The great Mammoth seam of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania which frequently has a thickness of 30 feet would thus require 300 feet of closely compacted vegetable débris for its formation.

Reference has been made above to the deposits associated with coal beds. In every region a certain definite association has been commonly found to occur, although exceptions to the rule are not infrequent. In general the coal deposit rests upon a bed of clay which on account of the low percentage of the alkalies has an important economic value as a fire-clay. Overlying the coal there is commonly a dark, more or less bituminous, shale, which in turn may be succeeded either by a lighter colored shale or sandstone. The underlying bed is the soil upon which the coal flora grew and from which the alkalies were extracted by the growing plants while the overlying beds are the materials which under varying conditions were deposited upon and preserved the accumulated vegetable débris. Less frequently limestones and dolomites are found associated with the other deposits, depending upon whether the area became depressed sufficiently to produce open waters, with little or no transportation of muddy and sandy sediments.

GEOLOGICAL AGE OF COAL.

Coal deposits of economic value have been found at all geological horizons from the Devonian to the Recent. The most important beds are of Carboniferous, Triassic, Cretaceous, and Tertiary age.

Among these the Carboniferous coals have been much more extensively developed than those of later date. The most important coal deposits of central and eastern North America, of Europe, and of Australia are of Carboniferous age. To this horizon belong all of the Maryland coals.

DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION OF COAL.

Coal is found on every continent. The chief sources of coal at the present day are in central and eastern North America, in the United States and Nova Scotia; in central and southern continental Europe and England; in eastern Australia; and in eastern and southern Asia, in Japan and India. Coal is also known to occur in South America and Africa. Its extent even in the countries where it has been most extensively developed is not fully established and the known areas of its distribution are being yearly extended as the industrial demands increase.

The following table¹ shows the total amount of coal produced in the various countries of the globe from the latest statistical returns.

The production by the United States as shown by this table is somewhat more than one-third of the entire coal output of the world and now exceeds that of Great Britain, which it for the first time surpassed in 1899. Since that year the United States has maintained a steady increase in production over that of Great Britain. After 1877 the United States permanently displaced Germany, which in that year had a somewhat larger output than this country. In 1880 the percentage of Great Britain was 2.3 times that of the United States and in 1890 1.4 times. During the last 35 years the coal production of the United States has increased 852% while that of Great Britain has increased only 120%, and Germany 218%.

¹ This table was compiled by the U. S. Geological Survey from the latest records.

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF COAL.

Country.	Usual unit in producing country.	Equivalent in short tons.
United States (1903) .....long tons ¹ .	319,068,229	357,356,416
Great Britain (1903).....do.....	230,334,469	257,974,605
Germany (1903) .....metric tons ¹ .	162,312,075	178,916,600
Austria-Hungary (1902) .....do.....	39,479,560	43,518,319
France (1903) .....do.....	35,002,992	38,583,798
Belgium (1903) .....do.....	23,870,820	26,312,805
Russia (1902).....long tons..	15,259,674	17,090,835
Japan (1901) .....metric tons..	8,945,938	9,861,107
Canada (1903) .....short tons ¹ .	7,996,634	7,996,634
India (1902).....long tons..	7,424,480	8,315,418
New South Wales (1902).....do.....	5,942,011	6,655,052
Spain (1903) .....metric tons..	2,798,113	3,084,360
South African Republic (1902).....long tons..	1,590,330	1,781,170
New Zealand (1902).....do.....	1,362,702	1,526,226
Mexico (1902).....metric tons..	710,000	782,633
Sweden (1902) .....do.....	304,733	335,907
Italy (1902) .....do.....	413,810	456,143
Holland (1902) .....do.....	399,133	439,964
Queensland (1902).....long tons..	501,531	561,715
Victoria (1902) .....do.....	225,164	252,184
Natal (1902) .....do.....	592,821	663,960
Cape Colony (1902).....do.....	165,557	185,424
Tasmania (1902) .....do.....	48,863	54,727
Other countries ² .....do.....	4,600,361	5,152,404
Total.....		967,858,406
Percentage of the United States.....		37

¹ A long or gross ton equals 2240 pounds; a metric ton 2204.6 pounds, and a short ton 2000 pounds.

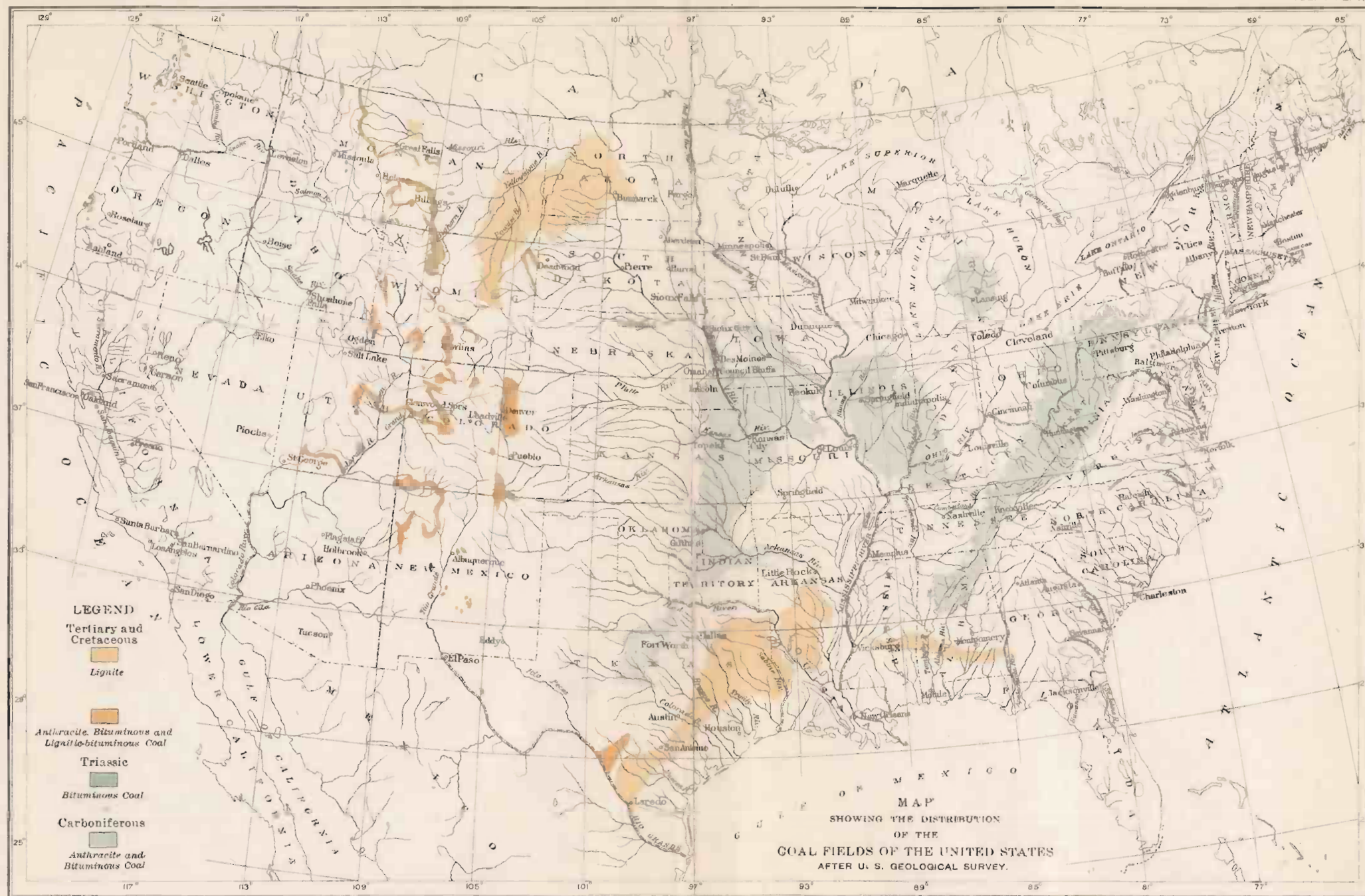
² Includes China, Turkey, Servia, Portugal, United States of Colombia, Chile, Borneo and Labuan, Peru, Greece, etc.

Coal is found in more than half of the states and territories of the United States. The position of these areas is shown on the accompanying map (Plate XIV). The Carboniferous and Triassic coals are found to the east of the one hundredth meridian, the Triassic coals being confined to small areas near the Atlantic coast. The Cretaceous coals occur between the one hundredth and one hundred and fifteenth meridians, in the Rocky Mountain region. The Tertiary coals lie to the west of the one hundred and twentieth meri-

dian along the Pacific coast. The relative importance of these areas at the present time may be judged from the production of coal in 1903. In that year the production of the Carboniferous coals amounted to 262,270,236 tons, of Triassic coals to 35,393 tons, of Cretaceous coals to 17,053,790 tons, and of Tertiary coals to 3,389,837 tons. This production does not, however, coincide with the extent of known coal-bearing formations in the several areas as will be seen from the following figures: the total Carboniferous areas have been estimated by the U. S. Geological Survey to amount to 234,667 square miles, of Triassic to 1070 square miles, of Cretaceous to 143,720 (including lignite 100,110), and Tertiary to 1050 square miles. In this estimate the areas of lignite coal of Tertiary age are not included. They are estimated to cover approximately 56,500 square miles along the Gulf border in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, but they have small economic value at the present time. All of these figures are regarded as only approximate since areas now considered as unproductive may, under different conditions, come to have commercial value. For example, many of the deep-lying coals are not included in the above estimate.

THE PRODUCTION OF COAL IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1903.

CARBONIFEROUS COALS.	Area in sq. miles.	Production in short tons.
<i>Anthracite.</i>		
Anthracite field, Pennsylvania.....	484	74,607,068
<i>Bituminous and Semi-bituminous.</i>		
Northern Appalachian field:		
Pennsylvania	15,800	103,117,176
Ohio	12,000	24,838,103
Maryland	510	4,846,165
Virginia	1,850	3,433,233
West Virginia	17,280	29,337,241
Eastern Kentucky	10,300	3,158,972
	57,740	168,730,890
Southern Appalachian field:		
Tennessee	4,400	4,798,004
Georgia	167	416,951
Alabama	8,500	11,654,324
	13,067	16,869,279



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THE PRODUCTION OF COAL IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1903.—*Continued.*

CARBONIFEROUS COALS.		Area in sq. miles.	Production in short tons.
<i>Bituminous and Semi-bituminous.</i>			
Northern Interior field:			
Michigan	11,300	1,367,619	
Central Interior field:			
Indiana	9,300	10,794,692	
Western Kentucky	5,800	4,379,060	
Illinois	42,900	36,957,104	
	58,000	52,130,856	
Western Interior field:			
Iowa	20,000	6,419,811	
Missouri	23,000	4,238,586	
Nebraska	3,200		
Kansas	20,000	5,839,976	
Arkansas	1,728	2,229,172	
Indian Territory	14,848	3,517,388	
Texas	11,300	926,759	
	94,076	23,171,692	
TRIASSIC COALS.			
Atlantic Coast field:			
<i>Bituminous, etc.</i>			
Virginia	270	18,084	
North Carolina	800	17,309	
	1,070	35,393	
CRETACEOUS COALS.			
Rocky Mountain field:			
<i>Anthracite.</i>			
Colorado and New Mexico	16	72,731	
<i>Bituminous, lignite, etc.</i>			
North Dakota	28,620	278,645	
Montana	32,000	1,488,810	
Wyoming	16,500	4,635,293	
Utah	2,000	1,681,409	
Colorado	18,100	7,381,463	
New Mexico	2,890	1,511,189	
Idaho		4,250	
Nevada			
	100,110	16,981,059	

THE PRODUCTION OF COAL IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1903.—*Continued.*

TERTIARY COALS.		Area in sq. miles.	Production in short tons.
Pacific Coast fields:			
<i>Bituminous, etc.</i>			
Washington	450	3,193,273	
Oregon	320	91,144	
California	280	104,673	
Alaska .....	.....	747	
	1,050	3,389,837	
Total production including colliery consumption....			357,356,416

Still other factors than their areal extent have to be considered in determining the importance of coal deposits. Among these may be mentioned the proximity of the coal to market and the ease with which it can be transported. The quality of the coal is also an important matter, as well as the cost of mining, the latter depending upon the character of the coal, its attitude and position, the thickness of the seam, and the number of beds which can be reached by the same operation.

THE APPALACHIAN COAL FIELD.

The Appalachian coal field, which includes the Maryland coal deposits, extends from northern Pennsylvania to central Alabama, a distance of about 800 miles. It embraces parts of the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Excluding the Carboniferous anthracite field of eastern Pennsylvania, which is estimated to contain a productive area of 484 square miles, the Appalachian field proper embraces 70,807 square miles, 75 per cent of which is regarded as productive. The Appalachian coal field is over 175 miles in width in the north, gradually narrowing southward until it is less than 20 miles wide in Tennessee, beyond which it again expands to a width of over 75 miles in Alabama.

The total output of the Appalachian field in 1903 amounted to 185,600,119 tons of coal, the adjoining anthracite field during the

same year producing in addition 74,607,068 tons.¹ The relation of this eastern field to the great interior Carboniferous fields which cover more than twice the area may be seen by the fact that the production in the latter region in the same year amounted to only 76,670,167 tons.

The Appalachian coal field is by far the most important of the coal fields of the United States. Not only is its production greater than that of any other area, but its location renders it much more available to the great eastern industrial markets. It has many workable beds and on account of the demand for the coal these have been much more highly developed and their areal extent much more definitely determined than in any of the other districts, with the exception of the adjoining anthracite field, which, although separated to-day and containing coal of so different a character, is yet geologically part of the same great basin.

The Appalachian field presents certain general structural features that bear a direct relationship to the character of the coals. Along the eastern margin the rocks are frequently considerably folded, the coal lying in long synclinal troughs that are parallel to the general structure of the Appalachian belt, while to the westward these folds gradually flatten out until along the western margin of the field the beds lie nearly horizontal. As a result of this increased folding eastward the coals have become metamorphosed through heat and pressure after they were buried and contain a gradually higher percentage of fixed carbon with a correspondingly less amount of volatile carbon. The coals in consequence change gradually from the soft bituminous varieties to the semi-bituminous and these in turn to hard anthracites in the highly folded basins of Pennsylvania and Virginia to the east of the main Appalachian belt.² In general the coal deposits are thickest along the eastern margin of the field and gradually thin west-

¹ The output was reduced during 1902 on account of the anthracite coal strike. It was 67,471,667 tons in 1901, and only 41,373,595 in 1902.

² Professor J. J. Stevenson claims that anthracite coal is produced not by metamorphism, but by the longer exposure of this coal to the action of percolating water before final burial and consolidation of the rocks, whereby the volatile constituents were removed.

ward. Many of the coal beds can be traced continuously over thousands of square miles, while others have only a local development. It is, therefore, necessary to observe care in establishing correlations of the beds in distant and disconnected areas, although the fossils frequently prove sufficiently characteristic to determine the various horizons.

The *northern* Appalachian field, on account of its proximity to the great centers of consumption, has up to the present time been much more extensively developed than the *southern* field. Its production in 1903 was 168,730,890 tons as against 16,869,279 tons in the southern field. Notwithstanding the extensive development of the northern field there are still considerable areas distant from the lines of transportation that have not yet been fully explored. Further study is constantly bringing to light new regions, and railroads are being extended into these new districts.

The accompanying map (Plate XV) shows the areal extent of the northern field together with the important lines of transportation which enter it. Both the upper and lower coals are represented. The lower coals pass beneath the area of the upper beds and thus occupy the entire coal district. This northern field covers an area of 57,740 square miles, and has developed with marvelous rapidity as will be seen by comparing its total output during the decades from 1850 on.

TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NORTHERN APPALACHIAN FIELD.

1850.....	1,882,517	1890.....	66,293,157
1860.....	4,730,546	1900.....	130,078,814
1870.....	13,712,856	1902.....	158,123,240
1880.....	32,869,211	1903.....	168,730,890

In 1870 the output of the anthracite field exceeded that of the northern Appalachian bituminous field by nearly 3,000,000 tons, but in 1880 the bituminous field had surpassed the anthracite by somewhat over 4,000,000 tons, and since that date the difference between them has steadily been growing greater until the bituminous field at the present time produces more than twice the tonnage of the anthracite field. This disparity will unquestionably be still more marked as time goes on.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NORTHERN APPALACHIAN AND ANTHRACITE FIELDS FROM 1814 TO 1904.

Year.	Bituminous and Semi-bituminous						Anthracite	
	Pennsylvania.	Maryland.	Virginia.	West Vir- ginia.	Ohio.	Eastern Kentucky.	Total.	Pennsyl- vania.
1814	22
1815	50
1816	75
1817	100
1818	200
1819	350
1820	450
1821	1,322
1822	54,000	.....	.....	.....	54,000	4,583
1823	60,000	.....	.....	.....	60,000	8,563
1824	67,040	.....	.....	.....	67,040	13,685
1825	75,000	.....	.....	.....	75,000	42,988
1826	88,720	.....	.....	.....	88,720	59,194
1827	94,000	.....	.....	.....	94,000	78,151
1828	100,080	.....	.....	.....	100,080	95,500
1829	100,000	.....	.....	.....	100,000	138,086
1830	102,800	.....	.....	.....	102,800	215,272
1831	118,000	.....	.....	.....	118,000	217,842
1832	132,000	.....	.....	.....	132,000	447,550
1833	125,000	.....	.....	.....	125,000	600,907
1834	124,000	.....	.....	.....	124,000	464,015
1835	120,000	.....	.....	.....	120,000	690,854
1836	124,000	.....	.....	.....	124,000	842,832
1837	160,000	.....	.....	.....	160,000	1,071,151
1838	300,000	.....	119,952	.....	419,952	910,075
1839	396,000	.....	125,000	.....	521,000	1,008,322
1840	464,826	.....	424,894	.....	140,536	.....	1,030,256	967,108
1841	475,000	.....	379,600	.....	160,000	.....	1,014,600	1,182,441
1842	500,000	2,104	373,640	.....	235,000	.....	1,100,744	1,365,563
1843	650,000	12,421	370,000	.....	280,000	.....	1,312,421	1,556,753
1844	675,000	18,345	365,000	.....	340,000	.....	1,398,345	2,009,207
1845	700,000	30,372	350,000	.....	390,000	.....	1,470,372	2,480,032

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NORTHERN APPALACHIAN AND ANTHRACITE FIELDS FROM 1814 TO 1904.—Continued.

Year.	Bituminous and Semi-bituminous					Eastern Kentucky.	Total.	Anthracite
	Pennsylvania.	Maryland.	Virginia.	West Virginia.	Ohio.			
1846	760,000	36,707	340,000	.....	420,000	.....	1,556,707	Pennsylvania. 2,887,815
1847	399,840	65,222	325,000	.....	480,000	.....	1,270,062	3,551,005
1848	500,000	98,032	318,000	.....	540,000	.....	1,456,032	3,805,942
1849	750,000	175,497	315,000	.....	600,000	.....	1,840,497	3,995,334
1850	1,000,000	242,517	310,000	.....	640,000	.....	2,192,517	4,138,164
1851	1,200,000	317,460	310,000	.....	670,000	.....	2,497,460	5,481,065
1852	1,400,000	411,707	325,000	.....	700,000	.....	2,836,707	6,151,957
1853	1,500,000	657,862	350,000	.....	760,000	.....	3,267,862	6,400,426
1854	1,650,000	812,727	370,000	.....	800,000	.....	3,632,727	7,394,875
1855	1,780,000	735,137	380,782	.....	890,000	.....	3,785,919	8,141,754
1856	1,850,000	817,659	352,687	.....	930,000	.....	3,950,346	8,534,779
1857	2,000,000	654,017	363,605	.....	975,000	.....	3,992,622	8,186,567
1858	2,200,000	722,686	377,690	.....	1,000,000	.....	4,300,376	8,426,102
1859	2,400,000	833,349	359,055	.....	1,060,000	.....	4,652,404	9,619,771
1860	2,690,786	438,000	473,360	.....	1,265,600	.....	4,867,746	8,115,842
1861	3,200,000	287,073	445,165	.....	1,150,000	.....	5,082,238	9,799,654
1862	4,000,000	346,201	445,124	.....	1,200,000	.....	5,991,325	9,695,110
1863	5,000,000	877,313	40,000	444,648	1,204,581	.....	7,566,542	11,785,320
1864	5,839,000	755,764	40,000	454,888	1,815,622	.....	8,905,274	12,538,649
1865	6,350,000	1,025,208	40,000	487,897	1,536,218	.....	9,439,323	11,891,746
1866	6,800,000	1,217,668	40,000	512,068	1,887,424	.....	10,457,160	15,651,183
1867	7,300,000	1,381,429	50,000	589,360	2,092,334	.....	11,413,123	16,002,109
1868	7,500,000	1,529,879	59,051	609,227	2,475,844	.....	12,174,001	17,003,405
1869	6,750,000	2,216,300	65,000	603,148	2,461,986	.....	12,096,434	17,083,134
1870	7,798,518	1,819,824	61,803	608,878	2,527,285	.....	12,816,308	15,664,275
1871	9,040,565	2,670,338	70,000	618,830	4,000,000	.....	16,399,733	19,342,057
1872	11,695,040	2,647,156	69,440	700,000	5,315,294	.....	20,426,930	24,233,166
1873	13,098,829	3,198,911	67,200	1,000,000	4,550,028	.....	21,914,968	26,152,837
1874	12,320,000	2,899,392	70,000	1,120,000	3,267,585	.....	19,676,977	24,818,790
1875	11,760,000	2,808,018	60,000	1,120,000	4,864,259	.....	20,612,277	22,485,766

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NORTHERN APPALACHIAN AND ANTHRACITE FIELDS FROM 1814 TO 1904. — *Continued.*

Year.	Bituminous and Semi-bituminous.					Eastern Kentucky.	Ohio.	Total.	Anthracite
	Pennsylvania.	Maryland.	Virginia.	West Virginia.	Ohio.				
1876	12,880,000	2,126,873	55,000	896,000	3,500,000	.....	.....	19,457,673	Pennsylvania.
1877	14,000,000	1,939,575	50,000	1,120,000	5,250,000	.....	.....	22,359,575	22,793,245
1878	15,120,000	2,068,925	50,000	1,120,000	5,500,000	.....	.....	20,858,925	25,660,316
1879	16,240,000	2,132,233	45,000	1,400,000	6,000,000	.....	.....	25,817,233	21,689,682
1880	18,425,163	2,228,917	43,079	1,829,844	6,008,595	310,990	.....	28,846,588	30,207,793
1881	22,400,000	2,533,348	50,000	1,680,000	9,240,000	295,719	.....	36,199,067	28,649,812
1882	24,640,000	1,555,445	112,000	2,240,000	9,450,000	539,700	.....	38,537,145	31,920,018
1883	26,880,000	2,476,075	252,000	2,335,833	8,229,429	627,257	.....	40,800,594	35,121,256
1884	28,000,000	2,765,617	336,000	3,360,000	7,640,062	674,400	.....	42,776,079	38,456,845
1885	26,000,000	2,833,337	567,000	3,369,062	7,816,179	736,595	.....	41,322,173	37,156,847
1886	27,094,501	2,517,577	684,951	4,005,796	8,435,211	706,757	.....	43,444,793	38,335,974
1887	31,516,856	3,278,023	825,263	4,881,620	10,300,708	950,903	.....	51,753,373	39,035,446
1888	33,796,727	3,479,470	1,073,000	5,498,800	10,910,951	1,105,872	.....	55,864,820	42,088,197
1889	36,174,089	2,939,715	865,786	6,231,880	9,976,787	1,035,858	.....	57,224,115	46,619,564
1890	42,302,173	3,357,813	784,011	7,394,654	11,494,506	1,183,347	.....	66,516,504	45,546,970
1891	42,788,490	3,820,239	736,399	9,220,665	12,868,683	1,315,646	.....	70,750,122	46,468,641
1892	46,694,576	3,419,962	675,205	9,738,755	13,562,927	1,292,648	.....	75,384,073	50,665,431
1893	44,070,724	3,716,041	820,339	10,708,578	13,253,646	1,502,458	.....	74,071,786	52,472,504
1894	39,912,463	3,501,428	1,229,083	11,627,757	11,909,856	1,150,229	.....	69,330,816	53,967,543
1895	50,217,228	3,915,585	1,368,324	11,387,961	13,355,856	1,423,492	.....	81,668,396	51,921,121
1896	49,557,453	4,143,936	1,254,723	12,876,296	12,875,202	1,421,017	.....	82,128,627	57,999,337
1897	54,417,974	4,442,128	1,528,302	14,248,159	12,196,942	1,189,482	.....	88,022,987	54,346,081
1898	65,165,133	4,674,884	1,815,274	16,700,999	14,516,867	1,471,061	.....	104,344,218	52,611,680
1899	74,150,175	4,807,396	2,105,791	19,252,995	16,500,270	1,764,874	.....	118,581,501	53,382,644
1900	79,842,326	4,024,688	2,393,754	22,647,207	18,988,150	2,087,277	.....	129,983,402	60,418,005
1901	82,305,946	5,113,127	2,725,873	24,068,402	20,943,807	2,253,062	.....	137,410,217	57,367,915
1902	98,574,367	5,271,609	3,182,993	24,570,826	23,519,894	2,785,104	.....	157,904,793	67,471,667
1903	103,117,178	4,846,165	3,451,307	29,337,241	24,838,103	2,953,470	.....	168,543,464	41,373,595
1904 ¹	97,916,733	4,819,171	3,576,092	32,332,385	24,415,084	2,999,030	.....	166,058,465	74,607,068
	1,448,197,679	131,511,597	44,153,285	304,950,659	407,357,183	33,776,248	2,376,946,451	73,156,709
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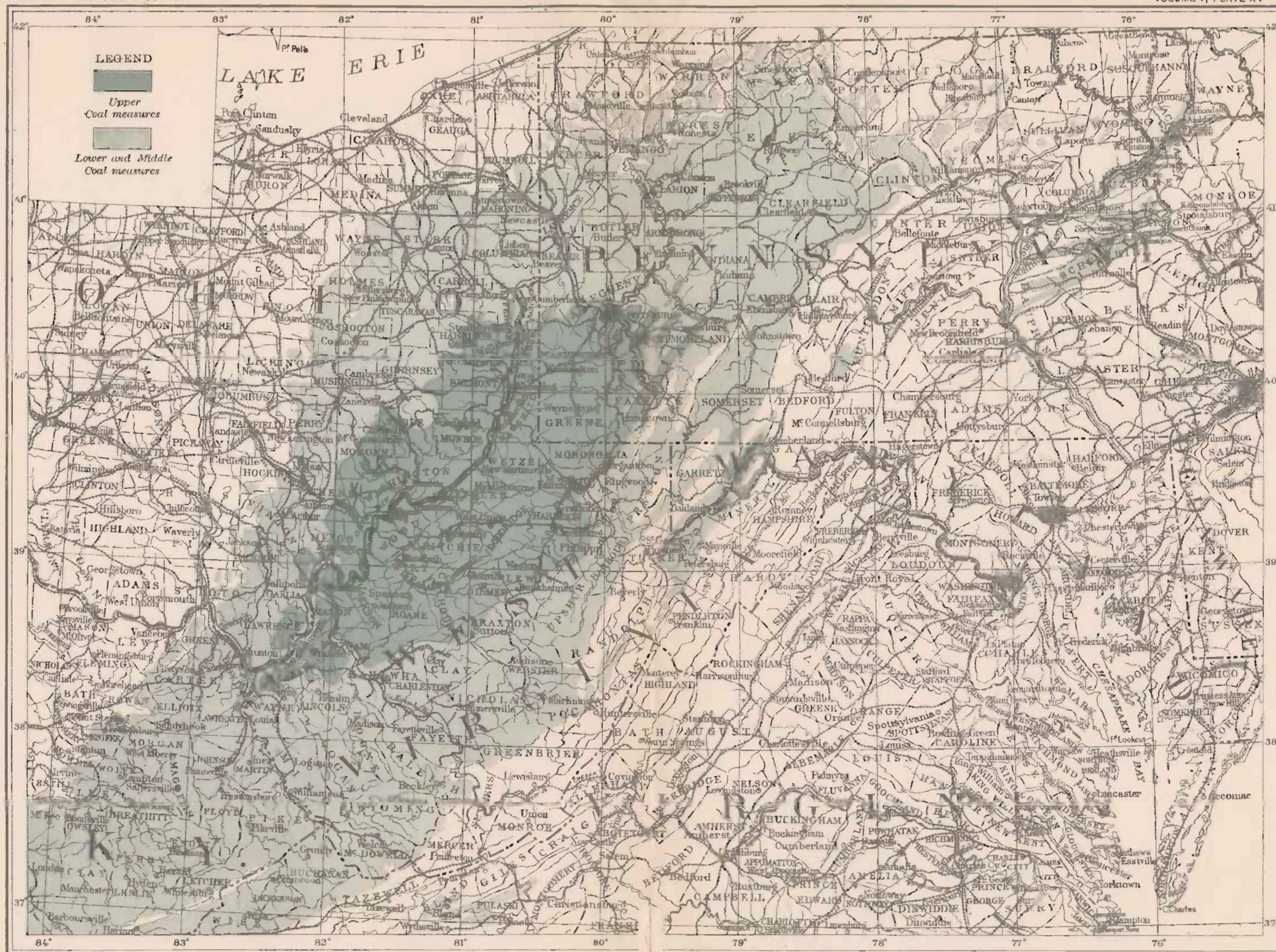
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CHARACTER OF COAL AND ITS USES.

The fuel constituents of coal consist primarily of the fixed or non-volatile carbon and the volatile hydrocarbons. The other constituents may be classed as ash and water, the former consisting of non-carbonaceous matter which was deposited in the bed of vegetable debris, and therefore partakes of the character of the sedimentary deposit of the period. To this is added whatever was subsequently brought in by percolating waters. When not present in sufficiently large amounts to seriously retard combustion its influence is for the most part purely negative although it may at times contain fusible constituents that may prove of positive harm by forming clinkers on the grate bars. The percentage of ash in commercial coals varies from 1 to 15 per cent in the best coals, the amount generally varying between 2 and 8 per cent. One of the most serious constituents of the ash is sulphur which on combustion readily corrodes the surfaces of iron with which it comes in contact. The percentage of sulphur varies in most commercial coals from a fraction of 1 to 4 per cent, although it generally becomes a serious injury to the coal for most purposes when it exceeds 1 per cent. Another injurious constituent is phosphorus. Both sulphur and phosphorus are particularly harmful in coal used for metallurgical purposes.

Water is also injurious when present in large amounts, since it reduces the fuel value of coal. The amount of water varies from less than 1 per cent in anthracite to as much as 25 per cent in lignite. In most high-grade steam coals such as are found along the eastern margin of the Appalachian coal field the amount of moisture generally varies from a fraction of 1 to 3 per cent.

The relative proportion of fixed carbon and volatile combustible material varies greatly in different coals. In graphite and the graphitic anthracite all or nearly all of the volatile hydrocarbons have been driven off and the carbon present is practically all in the form of fixed carbon. In anthracite coal the fixed carbon generally varies from 80 to 88 per cent with an average of about 85 per cent, which on the basis of the percentage of fuel constituents would give about



NOTE.—The Pittsburg Coal outcrops at the base of the Upper Coal Measures and is everywhere underlain by the Middle and Lower Coal Measures.

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95 per cent. The volatile matter varies commonly from 3 to 8 per cent with an average of 4 to 5 per cent, which similarly reduced would give on the basis of the percentage of fuel constituents about 5 per cent. In the case of the semi-bituminous coals the percentage of the fixed carbon varies from 65 to 80 per cent, the best coals commonly running from 70 to 76 per cent. The proportion of volatile matter varies from 14 to 26 per cent, the best coals generally showing an average of from 15 to 20 per cent. In the case of the bituminous coals the percentage of fixed carbon varies from 45 to 70 per cent and the volatile hydrocarbons from 25 to 45 per cent, the various seams in the same district differing oftentimes materially in their different parts and even the same seam may change its character in passing from one district to another.

The result obtained by dividing the percentage of fixed by the percentage of volatile carbon is known as the fuel ratio and in general the calorific or heat-producing value increases with the increase of this ratio, since the combustion of fixed carbon produces a larger amount of heat than the combustion of the volatile carbons. When the amount of volatile carbon constituents becomes so small that combustion is difficult the fuel ratio no longer expresses the real fuel value. This is the case in certain graphitic anthracites as well as of graphite itself, neither of which can be regarded as a fuel. The fuel ratios of anthracite coal range from 5 to 28, the great majority affording from 10 to 20, the average being not far from 15. Within the semi-bituminous belt along the northeastern margin of the Appalachian field the fuel ratios vary generally from 3 and 5 while throughout the remainder of the district the fuel ratios range from 1 to 3 although there are many exceptions to this general statement.

Coal is used for a great variety of purposes, among the more important coals being domestic coals, steam coals, gas coals, metallurgical coals, and smithing coals. The kind of coal used for a particular purpose depends to a considerable extent on the proximity of the fuel of a particular quality, although for special purposes the particular type of coal desired may be transported to great distances. For example, anthracite coal is coming to be more and more largely

employed exclusively for domestic purposes throughout the eastern and northern states along the seaboard and adjacent to the Great Lakes, while bituminous coal is largely used for the same purposes in other sections of the country. Again, the semi-bituminous coals are greatly prized for steam-producing purposes along the eastern seaboard while the softer bituminous coals serve the same purpose to the west of the Alleghany mountains. On the other hand, the smithing requirements are such that the better grades of semi-bituminous coals are shipped from the northeastern Appalachian field to all sections of the country for that purpose, going even to the Pacific coast. In general the bituminous coals with their high percentage of volatile hydrocarbon are best adapted to gas-making. Furthermore, certain characters for the most part unrelated to the chemical composition of the coal determines its value for coking purposes. Most coking coals have a fuel ratio of between 1 and $2\frac{1}{2}$. Coals relatively low in ash and sulphur, however, are best adapted for coke-making.

There are several varieties of coal in the Appalachian bituminous field in addition to those which are designated as semi-bituminous and bituminous coals. Among the bituminous coals are special kinds known as splint, cannel, and block coals whose characters are dependent on textural features, in part produced by the conditions under which they were originally deposited and in part by the structural changes which have since taken place in the beds themselves. The block coals, for example, show a tendency to break up into more or less cubical blocks. The cannel coals are very homogeneous in texture, contain a large amount of volatile matter, and are described by Newberry as having been formed in lagoons by the accumulation of fine carbonaceous mud which had its origin in completely macerated vegetable tissue. An interesting feature in the constitution of some coal beds is that one variety of coal may exist above, another below a parting within the same seam, or on the other hand, a special variety of coal may appear in one part of the seam in one district while another variety may be present at the same horizon in an adjacent region.

GEOLOGY OF THE MARYLAND COAL DISTRICT

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STRATIGRAPHY OF THE MARYLAND COAL MEASURES.

INTRODUCTORY.

The rocks which form the surface of the Maryland coal district are entirely of the class known as *sedimentary* or *clastic*—that is, they represent deposits of material derived from the destruction of older rocks and laid down by moving water. The details of this process will be described more fully in the chapter dealing with the geological history of the region.

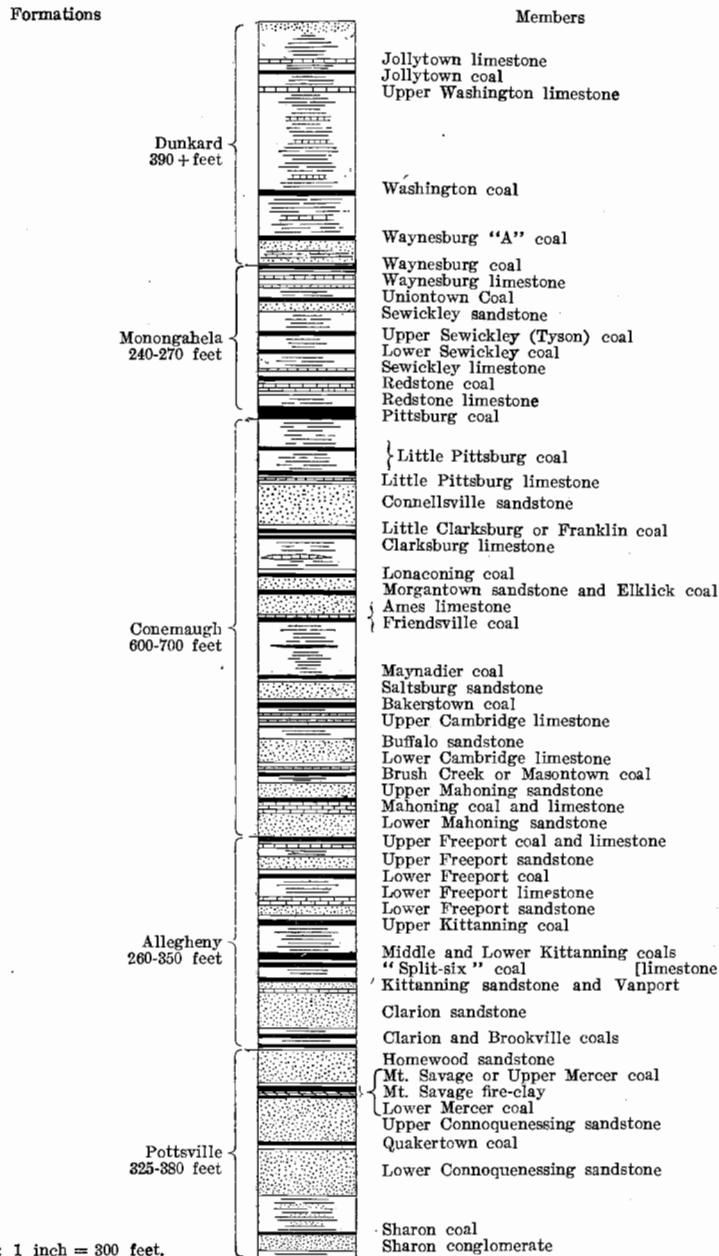
These rocks, like all rocks of sedimentary origin, are *stratified*—that is, they consist of distinct, superimposed beds which differ from each other in composition, texture, and appearance. Some consist of pebbles cemented together, and are known as *conglomerate*; some consist of small grains of quartz sand and are known as *sandstone*; some consist of clay with more or less fine sand, and are known as *shale*¹ or *sandy shale* or *fire-clay*; some consist of lime with varying amounts of the shells of former animals and clay, and are known as

¹ The rock known as *slate* in this region is not a true slate but a *shale*. A true slate differs from a shale in mineralogical composition and in texture; it usually has a more glossy surface, is harder, splits into large thin sheets suitable for roofing, and does not break into small irregular fragments or grind up into a fine mud or clay suitable for brick making as shale does. True slate never occurs with *bituminous* coal as shale does, but is found in association with *anthracite* coal and with granite, marble, and other rocks which are foreign to this region.

limestone; some consist principally of carbonaceous matter of vegetable origin, and are known as *coal*. All of the above mentioned rocks are firmly consolidated and retain their form and individuality against considerable force. Rocks of another class have the same composition as these but differ from them in being unconsolidated and hence are known by other names. An unconsolidated conglomerate is a *gravel*; an unconsolidated sandstone is a *sand*; an unconsolidated shale is a *loam* or *clay*; an unconsolidated limestone is a *lime-sand* or a *marl*; an unconsolidated coal is a *peat* or *lignite*. This latter class of rocks is not abundant or prominent in this region, but some representatives are found here, and all are very abundant and important in other regions.

These various types of rock sometimes grade into each other irregularly, but generally they are separated from each other sufficiently to allow of their recognition and of the representation of their areas upon a map. This has been done upon the maps of this region published with the reports of the Survey on Allegany and Garrett counties. A stratum of rock or a series of strata which differs enough from those adjoining it in composition, appearance, or age, to permit a discussion of its distribution or its representation upon a map is called a *formation*, and each formation is named after some locality where it is typically developed and where it was first studied and described.

The coal beds of Maryland are contained in five formations. All formations are grouped according to their age into larger divisions known as *Systems*. Two of these systems are represented among the coal-bearing rocks of the region, and the representatives of several others lie deeply buried below the surface formations. The whole sequence of strata lie not in horizontal position, but folded in a series of alternating basins ("synclines") and arches ("anticlines"). These folds have been cut into by the action of streams and weather, so that in various parts of the region different strata are exposed at the surface. The character of this folding will be described into the chapter on Structure.



Scale: 1 inch = 300 feet.

FIG. 19.—Section showing relative positions of prominent beds in Maryland Coal Measures.

The rocks which include the Maryland coal beds have been classified as follows:

TABLE OF COAL-BEARING FORMATIONS.

Paleozoic

Permian (?)

Upper Carboniferous { Pennsylvanian
or Coal Measures

Dunkard

{ Monongahela
Conemaugh
Allegheny
Pottsville

Each of these formations contains well characterized beds which have received local names. These are mentioned in their place under the discussion of each formation. The better known beds are given in their relative positions in the accompanying illustration.

THE POTTSVILLE FORMATION.

The general character of the formation is well shown in the following sections, which show the character and the full thickness of the formation. It consists of conglomerates, sandstones, shales, fire-clays, and coals which aggregate from 325 to 380 feet in thickness and a comparison of the different sections, combined with a study of their geographical distribution, shows an increase in thickness of the formation from northwest to southeast. The formation, as found in Maryland, is marked by the development of four sandstone members, one near the base, two in the center, and one at the top, between which are varying thicknesses of shale and fire-clay and usually four rather insignificant coal seams. The Sharon coal when present lies above the lowest sandstone, the Quakertown coal between the two central sandstones, and the Mercer coals near the base of the interval between these sandstones and the Homewood sandstone at the top. The most valuable deposits of fire-clay are usually associated with these Mercer coals.










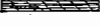
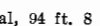
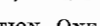
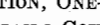
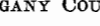
FIG. 1.—LOWER SHARON COAL AND SANDSTONE, NEAR WESTERNPORT, ALLEGANY COUNTY.



FIG. 2.—UPPER CONNOQUENESSING SANDSTONE, SWALLOW FALLS, GARRETT COUNTY.















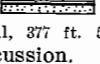





VIEWS OF POTTSVILLE FORMATION.

PARTIAL SECTION OF POTTSVILLE FORMATION IN BIG SAVAGE FIRE-CLAY TUNNEL,
GARRETT COUNTY.

Hard sandstone		17 ft.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1 ft.
Soft fire-clay		18 ft. 4 in.
Sandstone and "Soapstone"		3 ft. and 1 ft. 4 in.
Coal, Mt. Savage ¹		4 ft. 6 in.
Shale		9 in.
Soft fire-clay, Mt. Savage		6 ft.
Flaggy sandstone		6 ft. 8 in.
Shale		3 ft. 4 in.
Soft clay		12 ft. 8 in.
Hard clay		4 ft.

Total, 94 ft. 8 in.

SECTION OF THE POTTSVILLE FORMATION, ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF WESTERNPORT,
ALLEGANY COUNTY.

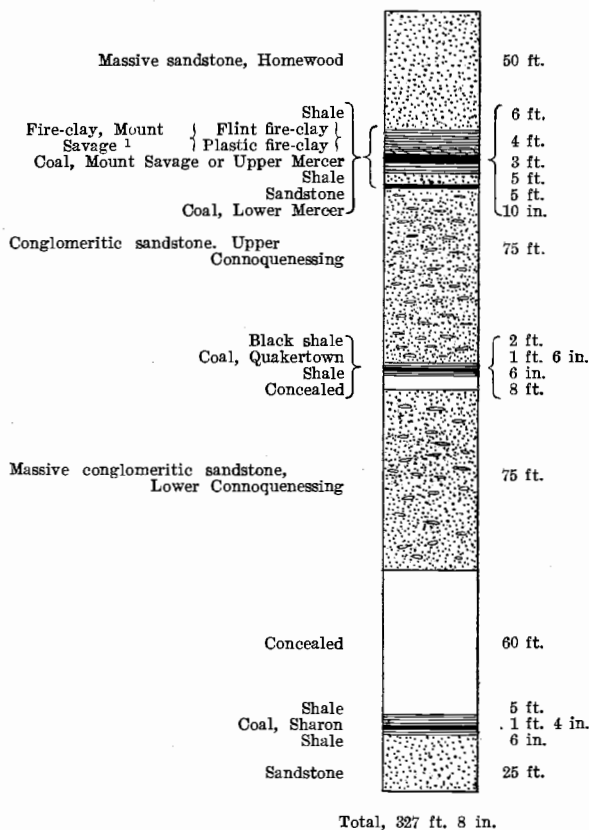
Allegheny shales		.....
Massive sandstone, Homewood		26 ft.
Coal, Mt. Savage or Upper Mercer		2 ft. 6 in.
Concealed, but with abundant fragments of flint fire-clay in the talus		61 ft.
Massive sandstone		6 ft.
Concealed		29 ft.
Massive quartzose sandstone		20 ft.
Sandstone		4 ft.
Concealed		28 ft.
Black shale		5 ft.
Sandstone		1 ft.
Dark shales		12 ft.
Coal, Quakertown ¹		14 ft.
Dark gray shale		4 ft.
Sandstone		4 ft.
Concealed		16 ft.
Dark gray shale		10 ft.
Sandstone		2 ft.
Concealed		35 ft.
Massive sandstone		20 ft.
Shale		2 ft.
Sandstone		10 ft.
Black shales		25 ft.
Coal, Upper Sharon		8 in.
Black shale		4 ft.
Sandstone		25 ft.
Shale and sandstone		6 ft.
Coal, Lower Sharon		1 ft. 3 in.
Sandstone		4 ft.
Mauch Chunk shales		.....

Total, 377 ft. 5 in.

Scale: 1 inch = 75 feet.

¹ For details see subsequent discussion.

PARTIAL SECTION OF POTTSVILLE FORMATION, SWALLOW FALLS, GARRETT COUNTY.



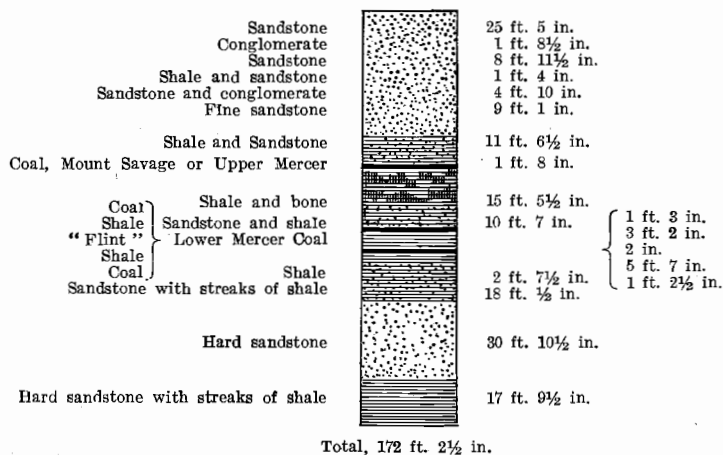
THE ALLEGHENY FORMATION.

The Allegheny formation overlies the Pottsville with apparent conformability. It consists of sandstones, shales, limestones, and coal seams aggregating in Maryland a thickness of from 260 to 350 feet. The thickness increases southeastward as was also noted in the Pottsville formation. The Allegheny formation is more shaly than the Pottsville and its sandstones are usually less prominent than those

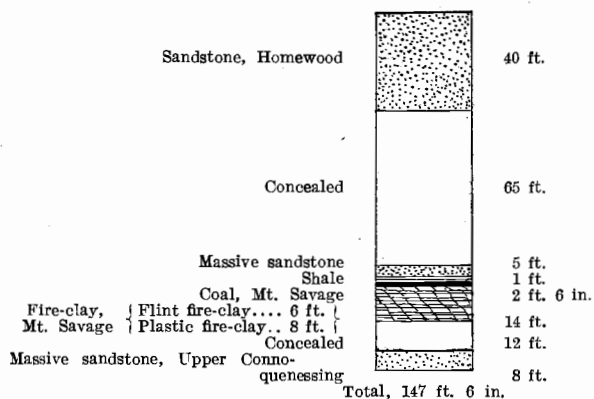
¹ This is not the normal position for the "Mount Savage" fire-clay, which is usually found beneath, not above, the Mount Savage coal.

of the underlying formation. It may be thought of as extending from a few feet below the heavy Clarion sandstone near its base to the base of the equally prominent Mahoning sandstone which marks the

PARTIAL SECTION OF POTTSVILLE FORMATION FROM A BORE-HOLE AT HENRY,
GARRETT COUNTY.



PARTIAL SECTION OF POTTSVILLE FORMATION ONE MILE ABOVE BLAINE, GARRETT
COUNTY.



beginning of the next overlying formation. Between the Clarion and the Homewood sandstones are shales and the Brookville and Clarion coal seams. About 50 feet above the sandstone is the per-

sistent Kittanning or Davis coal seam with the impure "Split-six" below and the less valuable Upper Kittanning seam above. Below the Mahoning sandstone of the overlying Conemaugh formation are the Freeport coals. The following sections show the general character of the formation:

SECTION OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION. BORE-HOLE No. 1, HENRY, GARRETT COUNTY.

Mahoning sandstone, etc.	5 ft. 2 in.
Coal, Upper Freeport	2 ft. 2½ in., 11½ in., and 7 ft. 6½ in.
Shale, limestone and shale	10 ft. 3 in.
Sandstone with streaks of shale	
Sandstone	13 ft. 3 in.
Conglomerate and Conglomeritic sandstone]	1 ft. 7½ in. and 5 ft. 6 in.
Light gray sandy shale	13 ft. 3 in.
Sandstone	17 ft. 5 in.
Shale	2 ft.
Shaly sandstone	21 ft. 3 in.
Shale	15 ft. 1 in.
Shaly sandstone	24 ft. 10 in.
Bone and shale	2 in. and 3 ft.
Sandstone and shale	1 ft. 10 in. and 1 ft. 1 in.
Limestone	1 ft.
Shale	16 ft. 3 in.
Black shale with streaks of bone	1 ft. 1 in.
Shale	11 ft. 6½ in.
Sandstone and shale	14 ft. 5½ in.
Black shale, sandy shale, and sandstone	3 ft. 1½ in., 3 ft. 8 in., and 2 ft. 3½ in.
Black shale	2 ft. 4 in.
Coal, Middle and Lower Kittanning	8 ft. 5½ in.
Shale	19 ft. 2½ in.
Rough coal and shale ("Split-six")	2 ft. 1½ in.
Sandstone and black shale	4 ft. 4 in. and 4 ft. 5 in.
Shale, bone, and shale	7½ in. and 6 ft. 5 in.
Limestone, Vanport	2 ft. 8 in.
Shale	12 ft. 8½ in.
Hard flinty sandstone	13 ft.
Conglomerate	7 ft. 4½ in.
Sandstone	5 ft. 11 in.
Shale and sandstone	22 ft. 11½ in.
Sandstone	8 ft. 4½ in.
Shale	1 ft. 2 in.
Coal, Clarion	1 ft. 6½ in.
Shale	10 ft. 2 in.
Coal, Brookville	3 ft. 5½ in.
Shale	4 ft. 7½ in.
Homewood sandstone, etc.	.....
Total, 341 ft. 8½ in.	

Another bore-hole (No. 5) about three miles from this gave the following section of the upper part of the Allegheny formation:

SECTION OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION IN BORE-HOLE AT JENNINGS MILL, GARRETT COUNTY.¹

Coal, Upper Freeport	13 ft. 5 in.
Shale	4 ft.
Shaly sandstone	9 ft.
Gray shale	35 ft. 5 in.
Brecciated fire-clay	8 in.
Gray shale	12 ft.
Coal	2 in.
Gray shale and black shale	11 ft. 7 in. and 9 in.
Coal, Lower Freeport	1 ft. 2 in.
Black shale	1 ft.
Gray shale	18 ft. 9 in.
Sandy shale	15 ft.
Coarse sandstone	12 ft.
Gray shale	1 ft.
Coarse sandstone	3 ft.
Black shale	8 ft. 10 in.
Coal, Middle and Lower Kittanning	14 ft. 1 in.
Gray shale	8 ft. 6 in.
Coarse sandstone	10 ft.
Coarse crossbedded sandstone	20 ft.
Coarse sandstone	11 ft.
Shaly sandstone	10 ft.
Gray shale	6 ft. 6 in.
Sandy shale	7 ft.
Dark gray and black shale	7 ft.
Coal, Clarion	8 in.
Gray shale and gray sandy shale	4 ft. and 5 ft.
Black shale	5 ft.
Coal, Brookville (?)	1 ft.
Total, 257 ft. 6 in.	

SECTION OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION IN BIG SAVAGE FIRE-CLAY TUNNEL, GARRETT COUNTY.

Coal, Upper Freeport	Sandstone, Mahoning { Coal... 1 ft. 1 in. Shale... 1 ft. 6 in. Coal... 1 ft. 7 in. Shale... 1 in. Coal... 1 ft. 1 in. }	6 ft. 2 in.
	Soft shale	27 ft.
	Sandstone	2 ft. 4 in.
	Shale	8 ft.
	Sandstone	1 ft.
	Shale	9 ft. 10 in.
	Sandstone and black shale	1 ft. 6 in. and 2 ft. 4 in.
	Coal, Lower Freeport	2 ft. 3 in.
	Soft shale	20 ft. 10 in.
	Coal	6 in.
Hard, sandy shale, shale, and sandstone		2 ft. 5 in., 5 in., and 1 ft. 6 in.
Coal, Upper Kittanning?		2 ft. 6 in.
Bony shale		8 in.
Shale		6 ft. 4 in.
Hard sandstone		40 ft. 8 in.
Hard shale		3 in.
Sandstone		2 ft. 2 in.
Shale, hard, black shale, and shale		5 ft. 2 in., 5 ft. 4 in., and 1 ft. 8 in.
Hard, impure fire-clay		6 ft. 4 in.
Soft fire-clay		1 ft.
Sandstone, shale, and sandstone		2 ft. 8 in., 3 ft. 6 in., and 4 ft. 6 in.
Shale, soft fire-clay, and sandstone		8 in., 6 in., and 6 ft. 8 in.
Shale		8 ft. 10 in.
Black shale		8 in.
Soft fire-clay, brown and shaly		25 ft.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		2 ft. 6 in.
Total, 205 ft. 10 in.		

¹This section extends from a depth of 193 feet to 451 feet. The record of the overlying beds is given on p. 253.

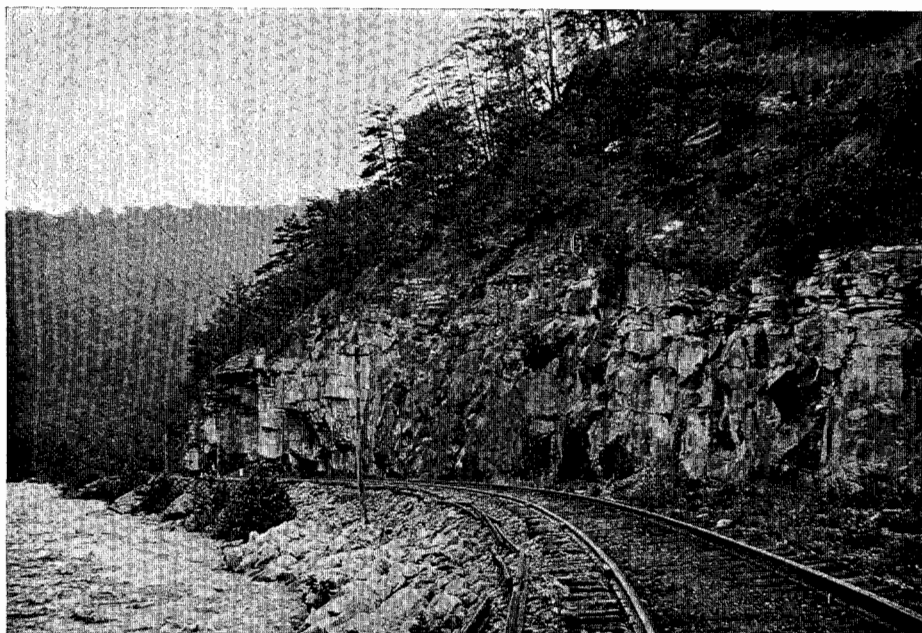


FIG. 1.—CLARION SANDSTONE, NEAR WINDOM, GARRETT COUNTY.

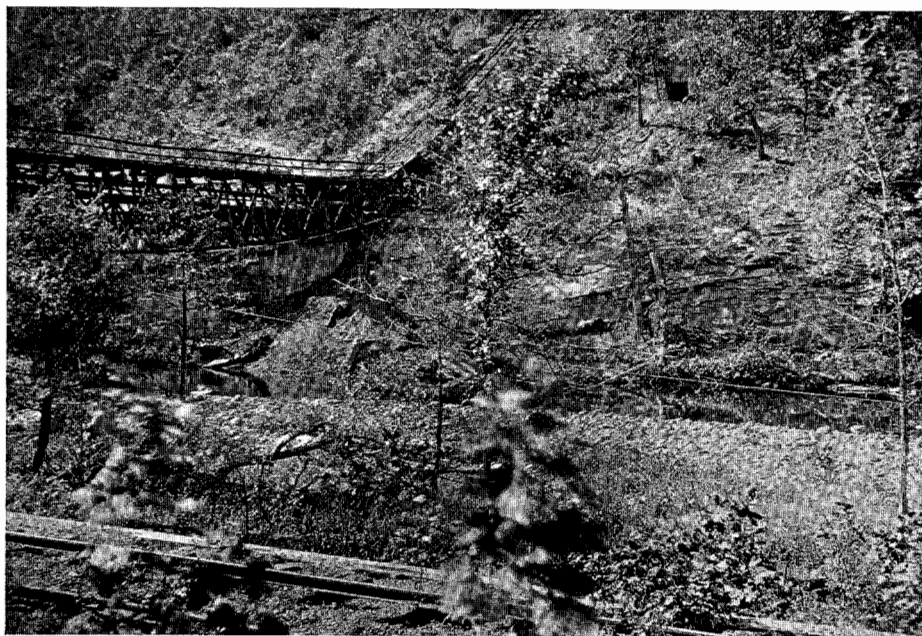
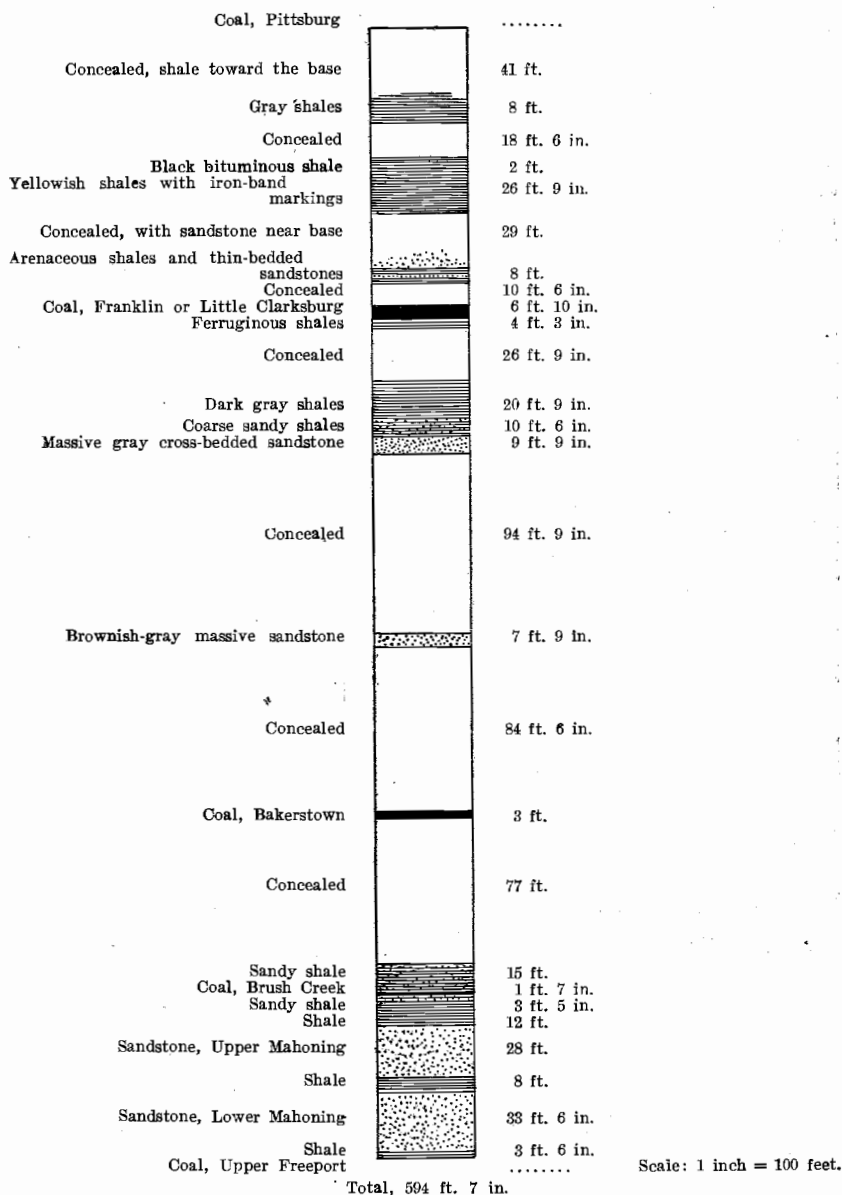


FIG. 2.—LOWER KITTANNING COAL AND SANDSTONE, NEAR BARNUM, W. VA.

VIEWS OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION.

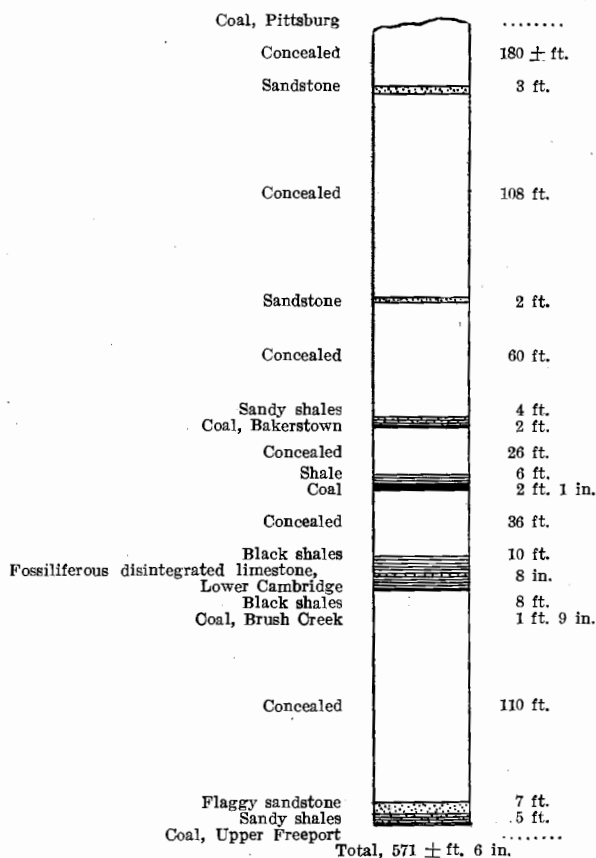
THE CONEMAUGH FORMATION.

The Conemaugh formation consists of about 600 feet of sandstone, shale, conglomerate, limestone, fire-clay, and coal of considerable regularity of occurrence. It is usually possible to recognize five sandstones in the Conemaugh formation; the Mahoning sandstone,

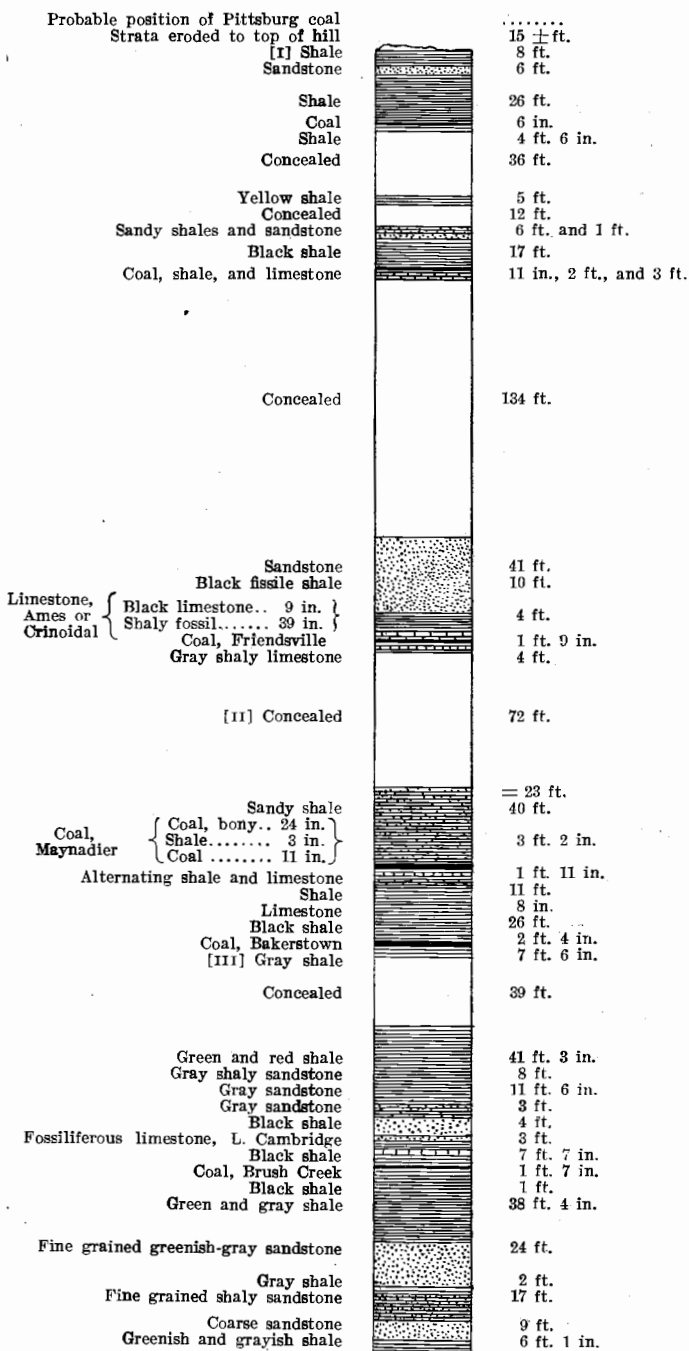
SECTION OF CONEMAUGH FORMATION AT BARTON, ALLEGANY COUNTY.¹

¹ This section from the Pittsburgh to the Bakerstown was measured at Swanton plane, while the remainder was obtained from the American Coal Co's bore-hole at Barton.

which is often divided into two members by the presence of limestone or coal, lies at the base; the Buffalo sandstone separated from it by intervening shales, limestone, and Brush Creek coal; the Saltsburg sandstone about a hundred feet higher up just above the Bakerstown coal; the rather conglomeritic Morgantown sandstone about the same distance above the Saltsburg sandstone; and the Connellsville sandstone some twenty-five feet above that. Between the Buffalo and Saltsburg sandstones are red and green shales with inter-bedded limestone and coals; between the Saltsburg and Morgantown sandstones are the Maynadier, Friendsville, and Ames coals, when developed, inter-bedded with shales carrying the Lonaconing and Franklin or "Dirty-nine" coals and occasionally limestone. Above the Connellsville sandstone is an interval of about 100 feet below the Pittsburg seam occupied by shales and carrying the Little Pittsburg coals. The following sections are typical of the formation:

SECTION OF CONEMAUGH FORMATION NEAR BLAINE, GARRETT COUNTY.¹

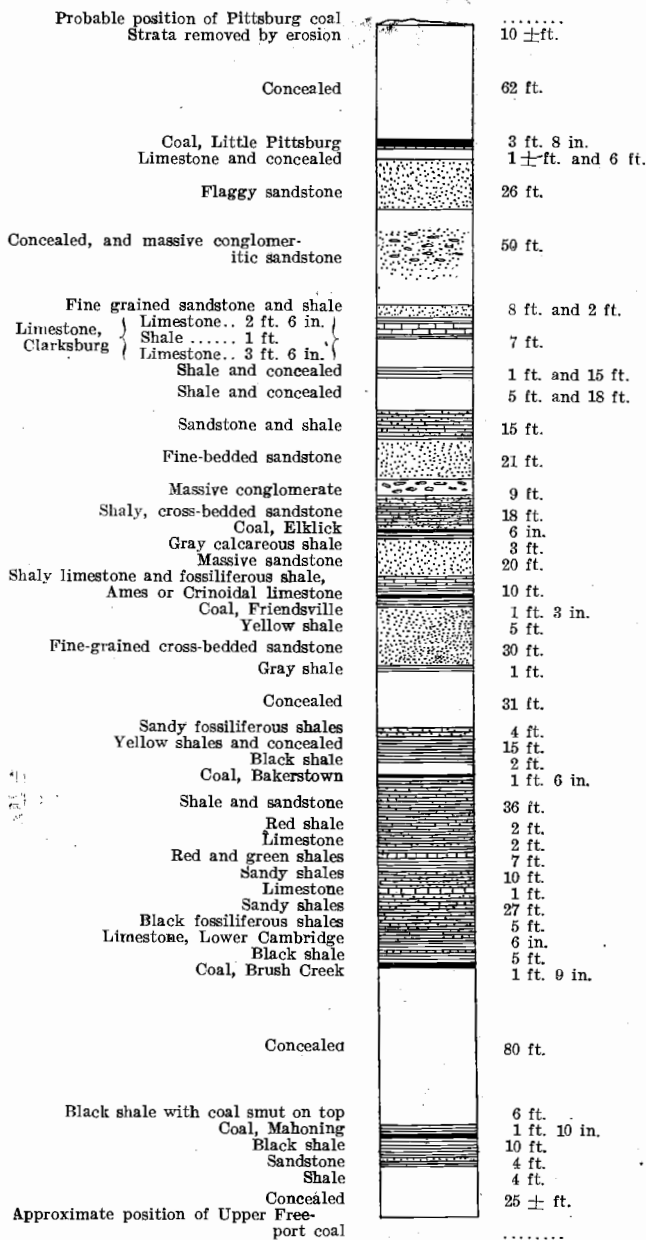
¹The upper five measurements were made on the hillside below (W. of) Elk garden; the remainder, one mile north of Blaine.

SECTION OF CONEMAUGH FORMATION IN CASTLEMAN VALLEY, GARRETT COUNTY.¹

Total, 718 ft. 10 in.

¹From [I] to [II], measured on north end of Ridgleys Hill; [II] to [III], in railroad cut one mile south of the National Road; the remainder from a bore-hole at Jennings Mill.

SECTION OF CONEMAUGH FORMATION, ONE-HALF MILE NORTHWEST OF FRIENDS
VILLE, GARRETT COUNTY.



Total, 635 ft. 4 in.



FIG. 1.—FRANKLIN COAL, NEAR LONACONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY.




FIG. 2.—MORGANTOWN SANDSTONE, NEAR LONACONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY.

VIEWS OF CONEMAUGH FORMATION.

THE MONONGAHELA FORMATION.


The Conemaugh formation is conformably overlain by the Monongahela formation consisting of shales, sandstones, limestones, and coal-seams aggregating from 240 to 270 feet in thickness. At the base is the valuable Pittsburg coal seam succeeded at intervals of

SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION IN PUMPING SHAFT, TWO MILES SOUTH OF FROSTBURG, ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Coal, Waynesburg or Koontz Concealed		1 ft. 10 in. 20 ft.
Limestone, Waynesburg		5 ft. 7 in.
Silicious fire-clay		3 ft. 11 in.
Sandstone and shale		10 in. and 4 ft. 10 in.
Sandstone and shale		1 ft. 8 in. and 20 ft.
Coal, Uniontown		5 in.
Shale		5 ft. 8 in.
Sandstone, Sewickley		14 ft. 2 in.
Shale		33 ft.
Coal, Upper Sewickley or Tyson		5 ft. 6 in.
Shale		16 ft.
Sandstone		4 ft.
Shale		25 ft.
Sandstone		1 ft.
Coal, Lower Sewickley		2 ft. 6 in.
Shale		18 ft.
Sandstone		10 in.
Shale		9 ft. 6 in.
Limestone, Sewickley		5 ft. 6 in.
Shale		7 ft. 8 in.
Coal and shale, Redstone		7 ft. 4 in.
Shale		18 ft. 9 in.
Sandstone		1 ft. 2 in.
Coal, Pittsburg or "Big Vein"		13 ft. 1 in.

Total, 252 ft. 9 in.

PARTIAL SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION AT BORDON SHAFT, ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Top of shaft		6 ft. 6½ in.
Hard gray sandstone		12 ft. 6 in.
Shale		3 ft. 4 in.
Coal, Tyson		8 ft. 5½ in. and 2 ft. 4 in.
Shale and sandstone		6 ft. 2 in.
Shale and sandstone		7 ft., 2 ft., and 2 ft. 9 in.
Shale, limestone, and shale		7 ft. 8 in.
Limestone and shale		8 ft. 9½ in.
Shale		8 ft. 3 in.
Coal and shale, Redstone		1 ft. 4½ in.
Fire-clay		18 ft. 2½ in., 4 in., and 2 ft. 7 in.
Black shale, sandstone, and shale		12 ft. 6¼ in.
Pittsburg or "Big Vein" coal		

Total exposed, 110 ft. 9¾ in.

twenty to fifty feet by the Redstone, Lower and Upper Sewickley, Uniontown, and Waynesburg coal seams. There are fewer sand-

SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION AT LONA CONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY, BY
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Shale above	6 ft.
Coal		12 ft.
Limestone with shale		13 ft. 9 in.
Fire-clay		3 ft. 9 in.
Concealed		
Shale with iron nodules		27 ft. 3 in.
Shale		27 ft. 9 in.
Fine-grained sandstone and shale		3 ft. 6 in. and 2 ft. 6 in.
Coal with two inches of shale		4 ft. 3 in.
Fire-clay		10 ft.
Coal		3 ft. 6 in.
Fire-clay		3 ft.
Coarse shaly, micaceous sandstone		51 ft.
Shale		42 ft. 6 in.
Coal and shale		13 ft. 1 in.
Shale and shaly sandstone		1 ft. 3 in. and 1 ft.
Ferruginous shale		4 ft. 8 in.
Pittsburg or "Big Vein" coal		14 ft.

Total thickness of Monongahela at
Lonaconing, 238 ft. 9 in.

SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION AT KOONTZ, ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Coal, Waynesburg or Koontz		8 ft. 3 in.
Concealed		106 ft.
Coal, Upper Sewickley or Tyson		3 ft. 6 in.
Concealed		107 ft.
Shale		2 ft. 2 in.
Coal, Pittsburg or "Big Vein"		13 ft. 1 in.

Total, 240 ft.

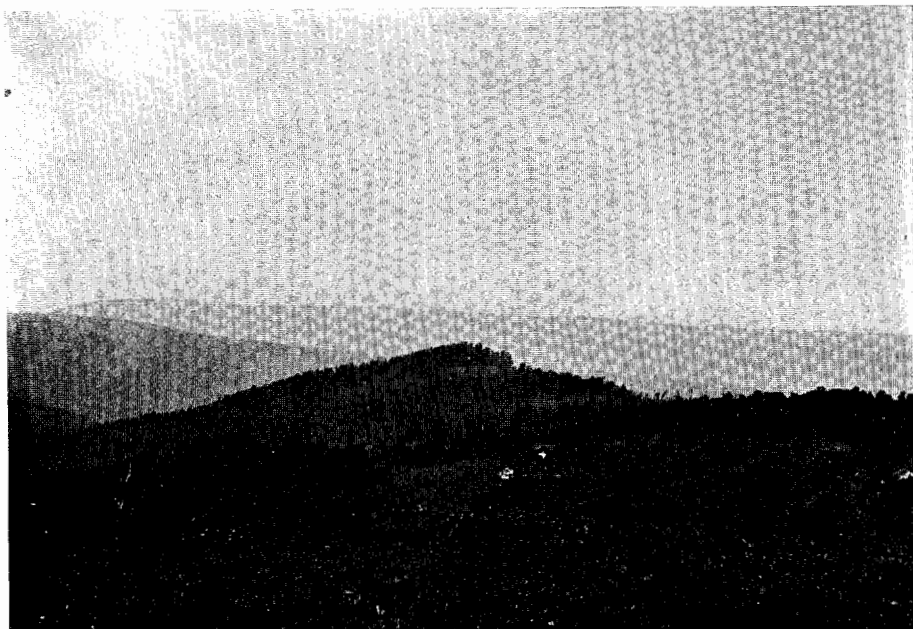


FIG. 1.—KNOB WITH BENCH AT PITTSBURG SEAM HORIZON, 1 MILE SOUTH OF BARNUM, W. VA.

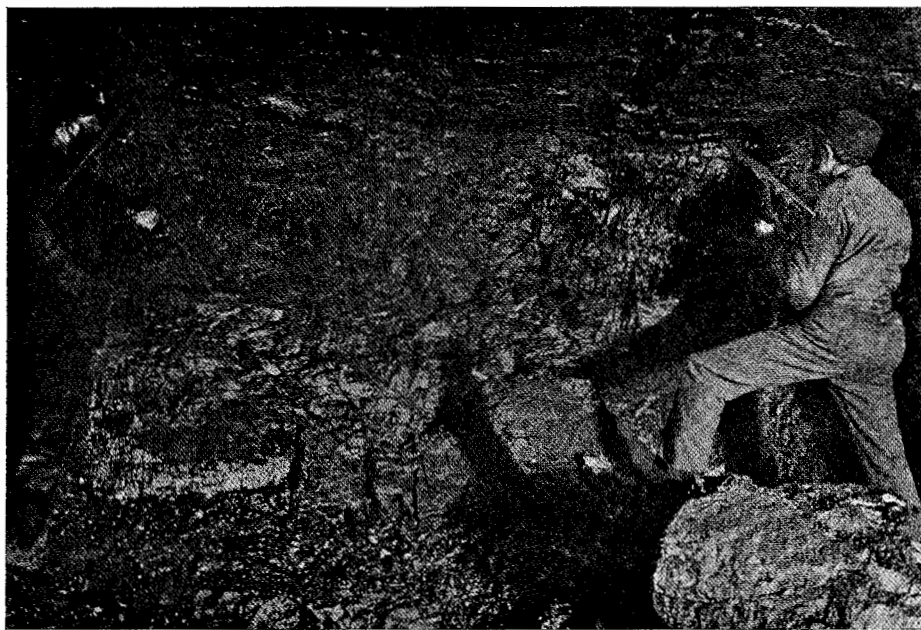


FIG. 2.—VIEW OF "BIG VEIN" COAL, OCEAN MINE NO. 3.

VIEWS OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION.

PARTIAL SECTION OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION, BORE-HOLE NO. 5, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES N. W. OF BAYARD, GARRETT COUNTY.

Mahoning sandstone, etc.		5 ft. 1 in.
Coal, Upper Freeport		
Shale		19 ft. 4 in.
Sandstone		6 ft.
Hard conglomeritic sandstone		7 ft. 6 in.
Sandstone		13 ft.
Shale		11 ft.
Bony coal, Lower Freeport		2 ft.
Hard dark sandstone		22 ft. 6 in.
Shale		16 ft. 6 in.
Limestone, Lower Freeport		16 ft. 6 in.
Shale		3 ft. 6 in.
Shale and sandstone, Lower Freeport		11 ft.
Shale		13 ft.
Black shale mixed with coal, U. Kittanning		3 ft.
Blue shale		7 ft.
Shale and sandstone		10 ft.
Sandstone		13 ft.
Shale		3 ft. 4 in.
Coal, Middle and Lower Kittanning		7 ft. 10 in.
Shale		14 ft. 10 in.

Total, 200 ft. 8 in.

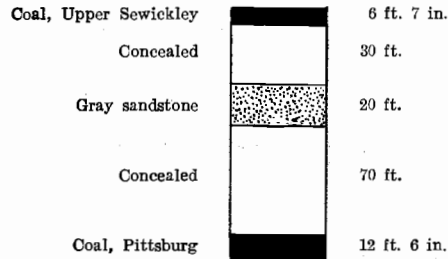
On the east side of the Potomac at Harrison is the following section: SECTION OF ALLEGHENY FORMATION AT HARRISON, W. VA.

Coal, Upper Freeport		5 ft. 4 in.
Concealed		134 ft.
Black shale		3 ft.
Coal, Upper Kittanning		3 ft. 7 in.
Concealed		37 ft.
Sandstone		5 ft.
Coal, Middle and Lower Kittanning		6 ft. 4 in.
Concealed		20 ft.
Massive sandstone, Clarion		45 ft.
Concealed		15 ft.
Coal, Clarion		2 ft. 4 in.
Concealed		35 ft.

Total, 311 ft. 7 in.

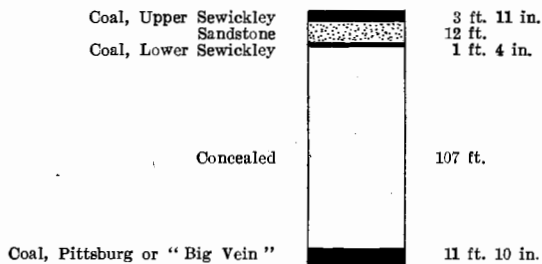
stones and these are thinner than in the previous formations and accordingly give no marked topographic guides to the stratigraphy.

SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION NEAR JACKSON MINE AT LONACONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY.



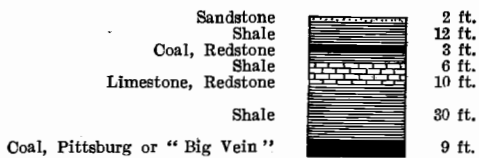
Total, 139 ft. 1 in.

PARTIAL SECTION OF MONONGAHELA FORMATION ABOVE KINGSLAND MINE NEAR LONACONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY.



Total, 126 ft. 1 in.

PARTIAL SECTION TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHEAST OF GRANTSVILLE. (ONE-EIGHTH MILE NORTH OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE.)

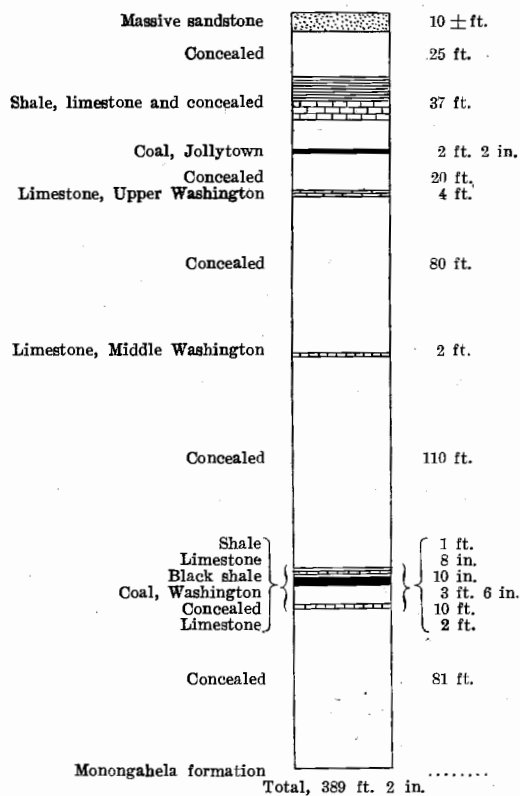


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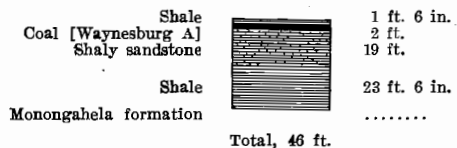
THE DUNKARD FORMATION.

The Dunkard formation consists, in Maryland, of about 400 feet of strata best represented in the following section:

SECTION OF DUNKARD FORMATION ON HILL EAST OF PUMPING SHAFT, ALLEGANY COUNTY.



The lower beds of the Dunkard formation are well shown in the following section:

SECTION OF DUNKARD FORMATION ON "DUG HILL," NEAR LONA CONING,¹ ALLEGANY COUNTY.

¹ P. T. Tyson, Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc., vol. xi, 1871, p. 9.

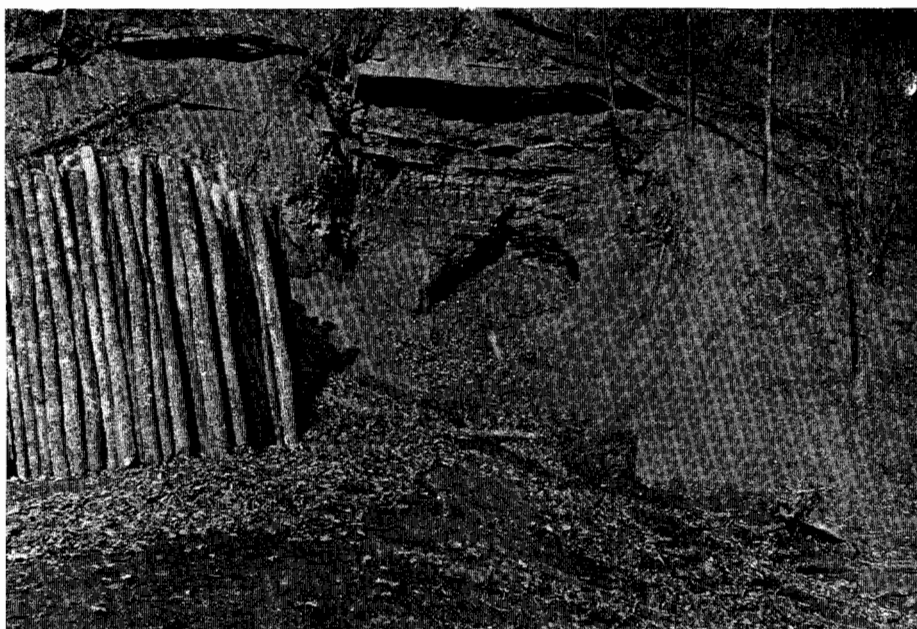


FIG. 1.—OUTCROP OF PITTSBURG SEAM, NEAR LONACONING, ALLEGANY COUNTY.



FIG. 2.—DUNKARD SLOPE, NEAR FROSTBURG, ALLEGANY COUNTY.

VIEWS OF MONONGAHELA AND DUNKARD FORMATIONS.

GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF THE MARYLAND COAL MEASURES.

The rocks of the Maryland coal district are entirely sedimentary and have been but little altered since they were deposited. Like most sedimentary rocks they were originally deposited in an almost horizontal position, but have been subsequently thrown into a series of folds.¹

The Maryland coal fields lie entirely within what has been designated by Willis as the *District of Open Folding* of the *Appalachian Province*.² In this district the folds are broad and the dips relatively gentle, so that further folding would have been possible without squeezing the strata. This district has been further divided into the *Valley region* where the folds are sharp and very long and where the distinctive topographic features are "governed by structures seen in the sharp upward folds or anticlines of the narrow-crested ridges and in the wide undulating downward folds of the valleys;"³ and the *Plateau region* which "is characterized by low folds of wide amplitude. In this province the structures and topographic types do not conform as they do in the valley region. Valleys follow both upon

¹The elevations of the folds are known as *anticlines*, and the depressions as *synclines*. The angle which any bed makes with a horizontal plane is called its *dip*, and the direction at right angles thereto along the bed is its *strike*. If a fold has equal dips on the opposite sides it is a *symmetrical fold*, while if the dips on the opposite sides are unequal it is an *unsymmetrical fold*. The line of greatest depression of a syncline, or of greatest elevation of an anticline, from one end of the fold to the opposite is the *axis of the fold*. The angle between a line drawn along the axis on the surface of any bed, and the horizontal is the *pitch* of the axis and of the fold. An anticline which has a long horizontal or almost horizontal axis which pitches down steeply at each end is called a *cigar-shaped anticline*. A syncline which has a long horizontal or almost horizontal axis which pitches up steeply at each end is called a *canoe-shaped syncline*. An anticline which has a steep pitch downward in opposite directions from a central point is called a *dome* or *domed anticline*, and the fold is known as a *quaquaversal fold*. A syncline which has a steep pitch upwards in opposite directions from a central point may be called a *spoon-shaped syncline*.

²The Mechanics of Appalachian Structure. 13th Ann. Rep. U. S. Geol. Survey, Pt. ii, p. 224.

³Darton and Taff. U. S. Geol. Survey, Geol. Atlas, folio 28, 1896, p. 4.

the anticlinal and synclinal axes, while the mountains remain between upon the dip of the strata or limb of the fold.”¹ The Maryland coal district lies within and borders on the eastern edge of the “Plateau region.”

There are parts of four synclines and three anticlines in this region. Their location is shown on the accompanying map, and they are described in the following pages.

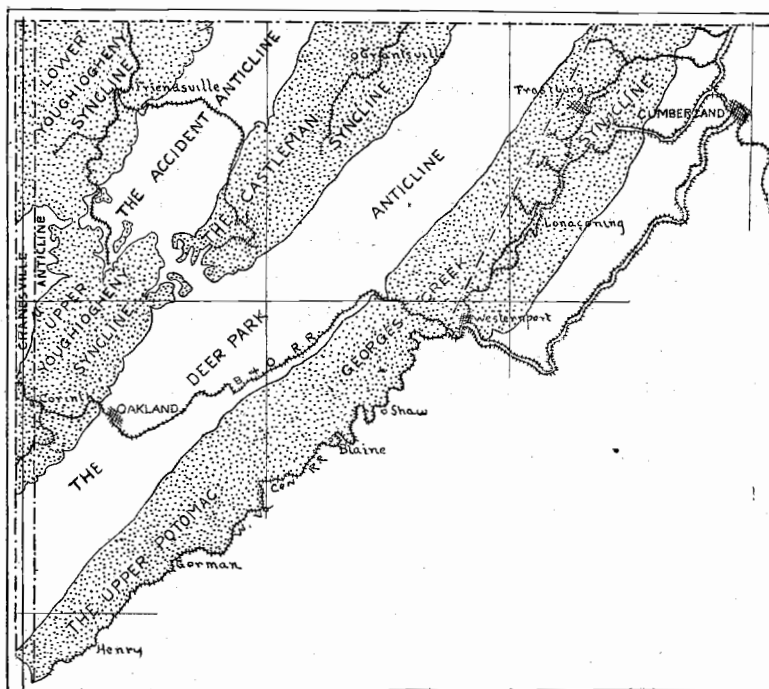


FIG. 20.—Map showing anticlines and synclines of Coal District.

THE GEORGES CREEK-UPPER POTOMAC SYNCLINE.

Position.

The easternmost structural feature of the Maryland coal district is a broad, rather deep synclinatorium. It is named from the two

¹ Loc. cit., p. 5.

streams which flow along the axis. The southern part of this fold was called by Darton and Taff¹ the "North Potomac Syncline" while the northern part was called by O'Harra² the "Georges Creek Syncline." The further continuation of this fold into Pennsylvania has been called the "Wellersburg Syncline."

The southern part of the Maryland coal fields and the adjoining part of West Virginia have been described by Darton and Taff as follows:³

"The North Potomac synclinal fold is the first west of the valley region, and extends between the New Creek Mountain and Deer Park Valley anticlines. Rocks in the Alleghany Front dip down steeply toward the north-northwest at 18° to 60° , but they rapidly change in dip to a few degrees, and pass across the valley of the North Branch of Potomac River almost horizontally. In Backbone Mountain the same rocks rise, dipping east-southeast 15° to 25° . This wide synclinal basin of the North Potomac inclines or pitches north-northeast nearly 45.7 feet per mile. It widens southward, and divides near the center of the Piedmont quadrilateral. One prong—the Stony River syncline—is in the valleys of Stony River and Red Creek, between the Alleghany Front and Canaan Mountain. The other prong is a direct continuation of the North Potomac basin, and its axis passes almost through Fairfax Knob. This interruption and division of the North Potomac syncline is due to the Blackwater anticlinal fold. This anticline enters the area nearly in the southwest corner and extends northward approximately parallel to the Alleghany Front. The Blackwater [Pottsville] sandstone and Greenbrier formation, which once closed in an arch over the Blackwater Valley, have been removed by erosion, and the wide valley between Canaan and Brown mountains now extends along the axis of the arch. The Blackwater anticline pitches northward, down into the North Potomac syncline, and is lost near the center of the basin. Local dis-

¹ Darton and Taff. U. S. Geol. Survey, Geol. Atlas, folio 28, 1896, p. 4.

² Physical Features of Alleghany County, Md. Geol. Survey, 1900, pp. 150-152.

³ Loc. cit., p. 5.

turbances of minor folding are indicated by dip of the rock in the Potomac Valley near Gorman and Stoyer, and in Stony River Valley above the falls on each side of the Blackwater anticline where it dies out down the pitch, but they are too small to apparently affect the general structure or to be recognized in structure sections."

It may be seen by comparison that the authors differ somewhat from Darton and Taff as to the minor details of the folding. They agree with them, however, as to the general character of the structure.

O'Harra described the Georges Creek Syncline of Allegany county as follows:—¹

"The Georges Creek syncline is defined on the east by the Wills Mountain and Fort Hill anticlines already described. The western limit is west of Savage Mountain beyond the borders of Allegany county, hence need not receive further mention here. The full width of this syncline, of which only the eastern and central portions lie in Allegany county, remains approximately ten miles throughout its entire course across the state. This measurement, however, is not to be confused with the width of the high valley lying between Savage Mountain and Dans-Little Allegheny Mountain which occupies scarcely more than one-half of the synclinal fold. The axis of the syncline has been designated with considerable detail by means of the various mining operations in the coal basin. Its general direction is N. 28° to 30° E. passing through Franklin, Barton, Moscow, and Lonaconing. It lies a little to the west of Westernport and passes through the immediate vicinity of Mount Savage.

"Steeply-dipping Silurian and Devonian strata occupy the eastern border of the syncline, but gradually growing less steep westward from Wills Mountain they disappear one by one beneath the high-lying Carboniferous strata of the coal basin.

"In the gap through which Jennings Run flows, where many of the strata, particularly those of the Hampshire formation, have an excellent exposure, the gradually decreasing inclination of the beds may

¹ Physical Features of Allegany County, Md. Geol. Survey, 1900, pp. 150-152.

be clearly seen. Numerous good exposures further south along Braddock Run and still further south in the Potomac gorge also aid materially in arriving at correct conclusions concerning the structure of this part of the county.

"At the Jennings-Hampshire contact in the Jennings Run gap the dip is 68° W. At the Hampshire-Pocono contact the dip has gradually decreased to 28° W. At the Pocono-Greenbrier contact it is 17° W., while at the Mauch Chunk-Pottsville contact the dip is only 13° W. Further west the dip continues to gradually grow less.

"In the Potomac gorge and along Braddock Run the favorable places for observation cannot be concisely described but the measurements obtained correspond closely to those made along Jennings Run.

"These measurements were all obtained near the level of the streams mentioned, hence following the various formations upward to the positions which they occupy in the higher parts of the Alleghany Front the dip is found to increase slightly. Opportunities are not good for learning definitely how much this increase is, but it is known that the Pottsville dips from 16° W. to 22° W. where best exposed along the high crest of Dans-Little Allegheny Mountain.

"Outcrops of strata in Allegany county suitable for accurate measurement of the dip are rare west of the synclinal axis. Southward from the state line the Allegany-Garrett line gradually approaches the position of the synclinal axis, hence the western limb of the syncline is but poorly represented in Allegany county. It seems, however, that the steepness increases somewhat less rapidly west of the axis and the prevailing dip of the Pottsville in the northwest corner of the county is thought to be not greater than 12° E. to 15° E. . . .

"In much of the Georges Creek syncline this [the pitch] is not quite so apparent, but in the northern part of the county the upward pitch to the north becomes perceptible, and as a result the coal measures all come to the surface within some fifteen miles north of the state line."

The western edge of this syncline may be considered as located along the line of steepest dip where the surfaces of stratification

change from an upward to a downward concavity. This line coincides approximately with the outcrop of the base of the Pottsville, with the 3200 foot contour drawn on the top of the Pottsville, and with the crest of the Great Backbone-Big Savage ridge. The northern portion of the course of the western edge of the fold is remarkably uniform, being about N. 35° E., except for about four miles in a region east of Altamont where it is about N. 50° E. The syncline is continued to the northeastward into Pennsylvania, and southwestward into West Virginia.

The axis of the fold lies entirely in Allegany county. Thence it passes into West Virginia and lies somewhat east of the Potomac river from Piedmont to Elkgarden. Here, according to Darton and Taff, it divides, the eastern fork extending up the valley of Abram Creek. The western fork extends along and probably somewhat to the east of the Potomac river as far as the mouth of Stony river. Here another bifurcation takes place, one fork extending south into West Virginia, and the other crossing the Potomac river in a westerly direction to a point about two miles north of Gorman where it turns and runs southwest to the southern point of Garrett county slightly east of Fairfax Knob.

Attitude of the Strata.

The strike averages about N. 35° E. along the western edge of the fold, but toward the axis it becomes less regular. The dip varies from 20° to 45° along the edge of the fold, averaging about 30° . Toward the center of the syncline it becomes steadily smaller and less regular. Along the Potomac river it is small but quite irregular in amount and direction, being prevailingly northwestward between Fairfax Knob and the mouth of Stony river and prevailingly southeastward from this point to Bloomington.

The pitch is very slight but apparently southwestward from Fairfax Knob to a point west of Henry. From here the axis pitches northeastward at the rate of about 40 feet per mile to the valley of Shields Run. Thence it pitches southwestward at a low, irregular

angle as far as the mouth of Stony river. From here to Piedmont it pitches quite regularly to the northeastward at the rate of about 80 feet per mile. From Westernport the axis pitches to the southwest, lower and lower beds appearing successively as one passes northward toward the State line.

General Features.

The most striking features of the structure in this fold are the very uniform strike and dip along the western flank; the flattening of the center of the fold and steepening of the western flank in the valley of the Savage river; the development of a subordinate anticline with an axis extending in a northwest-southeast direction through Tasker Corners and the mouth of Stony river; and the presence of a subordinate spoon-shaped syncline west of and parallel to the Potomac above the mouth of Stony river.

The strata outcropping in this fold are those of the Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Allegheny, Conemaugh, Monongahela, and Dunkard formations.

THE DEER PARK ANTICLINE.

The Deer Park anticline bounds the Georges Creek-Potomac syncline on the west throughout its entire length. Its western edge may be somewhat arbitrarily placed at the outcrop of the base of the Pottsville formation along the crest of Meadow Mountain and the geologically continuous and similar ridge which extends from the valley of Deep Creek in a southwesterly direction to the Preston county (West Virginia) line. This coincides approximately with the top of the Pottsville formation.

The rocks involved in this fold which outcrop at the surface are those of the Jennings, Hampshire, Pocono, Greenbrier, and Mauch Chunk formations. The Coal Measures are entirely absent from it.

THE CASTLEMAN SYNCLINE.

Position.

The Castleman syncline adjoins the north end of the Deer Park syncline on the west. It occupies the area between the crests of

Meadow and Negro mountains, the boundaries being approximately the outcrop of the base of the Pottsville formation on the crests of those mountains. The southern end of the syncline may be placed at Deep Creek which flows along a small low anticline which cuts off this syncline from the Upper Youghiogheny syncline to the southwest of it.

The axis of this fold extends from Niverton, Pennsylvania, through the eastern end of Grantsville and on to the Castleman river at a point one mile south of Grantsville. Thence it lies along the course of the Castleman as far as the forks of that stream. From here it extends to Bittinger, and then in a course of about S. 45° W. to the southern end of Meadow Mountain.

Attitude of the Strata.

The strike on the flanks of that part of the syncline southwest of Bevansville is in general parallel to the axis. Northeast of Bevansville it gradually diverges from the direction of the axis toward the east on the eastern limb of the fold and to the north on the western limb. In the region about four miles east of Accident there is a very pronounced divergence of the strike to a course almost east and west.

The dip is quite gentle and regular. It averages about 12° or 15° on the crests of Meadow and Negro mountains and decreases rapidly and quite regularly toward the axis.

The axis pitches to the northeast at a rate of about 55 feet per mile from Niverton, Pennsylvania, to a point about two and one-half miles southwest of Bittinger. From that point to the southern end of the syncline it pitches to the northeast at a rate of 200 feet per mile.

There is a fault in the sandstones and shales of the Conemaugh formation in the west bank of the Castleman river just east of Grantsville. For a distance of about 100 feet along the roadside there can be seen a massive sandstone resting horizontally upon the upturned edges of steeply dipping shales. The dip of the shales is unusual

for this region, the normal dip at this point being that of the almost horizontal sandstone. The disturbance is all the more remarkable for occurring in the center of a very open syncline where the strata are usually very slightly disturbed. The amount of displacement could not be measured but the appearance at this one locality would seem to indicate that it might be considerable. There are, however, no indications of it in any other exposures.

General Features.

This is, as far as the portion in Maryland is concerned, a typical canoe-shaped syncline. Subordinate folds and undulations of the axis are apparently lacking. It is a more simple fold than the Georges Creek-Potomac syncline or the synclines further west.

The strata involved in this fold and outcropping in it are those of the Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Allegheny, Conemaugh, and Monongahela formations. The last do not enter Maryland but are exposed a few rods north of the Pennsylvania line.

THE UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY SYNCLINE.

Position.

The Upper Youghiogheny syncline adjoins the southern end of the Deer Park anticline on the west. Its western boundary is the outcrop of the base of the Pottsville formation along the crest of Snaggy Mountain. On the northeast it is separated from the Castleman syncline by the crest of the subordinate anticline referred to above. On the northwest it is separated from the Lower Youghiogheny syncline by a low anticline in the high hill south of Sang Run. On the north between the two low anticlines above mentioned is the Accident anticline of which they are both prongs.

The axis of this fold enters Maryland from Preston county, West Virginia, along the line of the Preston R. R. Thence its course is N. 45° E. to the "Michler line." From this point it extends in a somewhat sinuous course to a point about one-half mile north of Skipnish where it bifurcates. The main axis runs east for about

a mile and then turns northeast again and extends in that direction as far as the Youghiogheny river at a point about one-half mile above Oak Shoals. Here it turns north and follows roughly the course of the river as far as a point about one mile above Swallow Falls. Thence it extends in a northeasterly direction for about three miles where it is lost on the rim of the basin. The secondary axis extends from the point of bifurcation in a somewhat sinuous north-northeasterly and northerly course along the geographical center of the basin, passing through Brew Mahr Mill in the direction of Sang Run.

Attitude of the Strata.

The strike is very variable. Toward the edges of the basin it is parallel to the direction of the rim as described above, but in the center of the basin it is very irregular.

The dip seldom exceeds 12° or 15° on the flanks of the fold and decreases rapidly toward the axis. It is very variable in amount and direction, especially in the center of the basin.

The pitch from the point where the axis crosses the West Virginia line to the point of bifurcation is about 120 feet per mile toward the northeast. From here the main axis undulates with a pitch of from 0 to 100 feet per mile until it reaches a lowest point at a place about two-thirds of a mile southeast of Swallow Falls. For a distance of about three miles northeastward from this point the axis has a pitch to the southwest of about 200 feet per mile. Then the pitch passes into the dip of the adjacent anticline. The secondary axis has a slight pitch toward the south for a distance of about two miles north from the point of bifurcation. Then it has a slight pitch toward the north as far as a deep point under the valley of Herrington Run. From this point to the crest of the anticline in the hill south of Sang Run the pitch of the axis is southward. It gradually increases from nothing in the valley of Herrington Run to a maximum of 200 feet per mile about one mile north of Brew Mahr Mill. From this point northward it gradually decreases in amount but continues its direction southward.

General Features.

The most noticeable structural features in connection with this fold are the unsymmetrical character; the shortness in proportion to the width; the strong pitch compared with the relatively gentle dip; the irregular strike and dip; the bifurcating axis; and the four subordinate spoon-shaped synclines. This syncline is of a different type from those described above. It is of the class typically developed in western Pennsylvania, which characterizes the interior of the *Plateau Region* of the *Appalachian District* of *Open Folding*.

The strata outcropping in this fold are those of the Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Allegheny, and Conemaugh formations.

THE ACCIDENT ANTICLINE.

Position.

The Accident anticline adjoins the Castleman syncline on the west and the Upper Youghiogeny syncline on the north. Its western boundary is the crest of Winding Ridge. This fold forks at the southern end; one prong extending southeastward through the valley of Deep Creek, connects with Deer Park anticline, the other extending southwestward, connects with the Cranesville anticline.

The strata involved at the surface are those of the Jennings, Hampshire, Pocono, Greenbrier, and Mauch Chunk formations, none of the Coal Measures being present.

THE CRANESVILLE ANTICLINE.

Position.

The Cranesville anticline adjoins the Upper Youghiogeny syncline on the west. It is bounded on the north by Feik Hill and Dog Ridge, beyond which is the Lower Youghiogeny syncline. The western and southern limits of this fold, as well as the greater part of its area, are in West Virginia.

The surface rocks involved in the part of the fold which lies east of the Brown-Bauer line are those of the Pocono, Greenbrier, Mauch

Chunk, and Pottsville formations. Along the axis in West Virginia the Jennings and Hampshire formations are exposed. The Coal Measures are absent.

THE LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY SYNCLINE.

Position.

The Lower Youghiogheny syncline adjoins the Accident anticline on the west, the Upper Youghiogheny syncline on the northwest, and the Cranesville anticline on the northeast. It extends northward into Pennsylvania and westward into West Virginia. It is connected with the Upper Youghiogheny syncline across the low anticline connecting the Accident and Cranesville domes.

The axis follows a somewhat sinuous course near the eastern edge of the syncline. It crosses the Pennsylvania line about one and one-half miles east of the Youghiogheny river and extends in a south-southwesterly direction. Crossing the Youghiogheny river about one mile below Selbysport, it continues on the west side of that stream and at an average distance of one-half mile from it, as far as the mouth of Trap Run. Here it takes a southerly direction, the river winding back and forth across it as far as Sang Run. From this point it extends south into the high hill south and west of the river, and joins the western fork of the axis of the Upper Youghiogheny syncline.

Attitude of the Strata.

The strike on the eastern limb of the fold is very uniformly N. 35° E. as far south as a point two miles north of Sang Run. Between here and Sang Run there is great irregularity of strike. On the western limb of the fold the strike is in general north and south, except in the southern end of the fold, where it is northwest and southeast.

The dip is very regular on the eastern limb of the fold. The maximum angle is about 20° . On the western limb of the fold the dip is very irregular in amount and in direction. It seldom exceeds 5°

or 8° . A low secondary antiform occurs in the northwest corner of Garrett county on Sickie Hill and the ridge to the northward. The dip on the western flank of this is very slight. A very strong minor fold occurs at the mouth of Laurel Run and very near the axis of the syncline. This disturbance is evidently of slight extent.

The axis descends to the northward from the southern end of the basin to the Pennsylvania line. It pitches at an average rate of about 200 feet per mile above the mouth of Salt Block Run. From the mouth of Salt Block Run to the mouth of White Rock Run the pitch is about 330 feet per mile. From this point to Krug it is about 150 feet per mile. Here it increases again and maintains an average pitch of 260 feet per mile as far as Friendsville. The pitch is very slight below Friendsville but maintains its direction to the northeastward.

General Features.

This fold differs from the Georges Creek-Potomac and Castleman synclines in being very markedly unsymmetrical. Its most striking feature is the very strong regular dip on the eastern limb as compared with the weak irregular dip of the western limb. It should be noted that the pitch is greater than in any of the synclines described above. This is due to the abrupt termination of the syncline at the south against the end of a steeply pitching antiform. This deflects the strike at almost a right angle, and the pitch practically passes into the dip of the southern limb.

The strata exposed are those of the Greenbrier, Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Allegheny, and Conemaugh formations.

CONCLUSIONS.

The rocks of the Maryland coal district are unaltered sediments which have been thrown into a series of open, slightly unsymmetrical folds with axes trending toward the northeast and southwest. The region presents a structure which is similar to that of the adjacent regions on the northeast and southwest, but different from the adjacent regions on the southeast and northwest. With each of the latter

it has certain points in common, being transitional between them. While on the whole it has within itself a marked individuality; yet too it has within itself certain divergent types which render it capable of division into structural sub-provinces.

The unit of structure is the fold. The anticline and the syncline are from one point of view complementary. Yet in describing a region which, like this, is composed of alternating anticlines and synclines, either might be ignored. Each syncline might be considered as extending from one anticline axis to the next; or each anticline, as from one synclinal axis to the next. The most rational and consistent way of dividing a region into anticlinal areas and synclinal areas would be to draw the line between the anticline and the syncline where the surface of any bed changes from an upward to a downward concavity. This would be along the line of greatest dip. There are two objections to this:—first, the difficulty of finding a fairly continuous and definite line of greatest dip; and second, the fact that in this region the anticlinal crests are very sharp so that such a division would throw almost all of the region into the synclinal areas. It has been found that the line of outcrop of the base of the Pottsville formation on the crests of the Pottsville ridges, and the crests of the Pottsville ridges themselves, approximately coincide in all parts of the county, and in many regions coincide with the zones of steepest dip. Therefore the anticlines and synclines have been separated on these lines for the purposes of this discussion. The method has the merit of giving the divisions not only a structural but a topographic and geologic unity.

The major folds situated in part in the region under discussion are seven; four of them being synclines, and three, anticlines. There is a long syncline (the Georges Creek-Potomac syncline) forming the eastern boundary of the coal district. This is succeeded on the west by a long anticline (the Deer Park anticline) which extends from near the northeast to the southwest corner of the district. West of this are two synclines (the Castleman syncline at the north and the Upper Youghiogheny syncline at the south) which are disconnected

by a low uplift and are neither quite in line nor quite parallel. The axis of the latter is situated farther to the northwest, and its direction is nearer north and south, than the axis of the former. West of these two synclines are two anticlines (the Accident anticline at the north and the Cranesville anticline at the south) which, like the synclines last described, are also disconnected, and whose axes are both out of line and divergent. The discrepancy in the position and direction of the axes is similar to that of the axes of the above mentioned synclines, but is even greater in amount. Northwest of these anticlines is a syncline (the Lower Youghiogheny syncline). The Upper Youghiogheny syncline, from its position flanking the Deer Park anticline on the west, would seem to be more closely related to the Castleman than to the Lower Youghiogheny syncline. But it is structurally more closely related to the latter, as it is joined with it at a point on the axis 200 feet lower than with the former; and is a fold of the same broad unsymmetrical type.

Faults are small, infrequent, and inconspicuous. They do not affect the areal distribution of the formations, or the general character of the structure.

The folds are in general unsymmetrical, the steepest dips being on eastern limbs of the synclines and western limbs of the anticlines. In other words, the northwestward dips are steeper than the southeastward. This is in general true throughout the entire Appalachian province. The amount and the regularity of the dip decrease from the southeastern to the northwestern part of the district. The amount of pitch increases in the same direction. This regular change in the dip and pitch from the southeast to the northwest entirely changes the general character of the structure. The continuation of the change beyond the limits of the region in either direction makes it a transition zone between two radically different structural provinces. To the southeast and east is what has been designated the *Valley Region* of the *District of Open Folding* of the *Appalachian Province*, while to the northwest is the *Plateau Region* of the same district. The former is characterized by the canoe-shaped syncline and the

cigar-shaped anticline. The latter is characterized by the spoon-shaped syncline and the domed anticline. The eastern edge of the Georges Creek-Potomac syncline forms the western boundary of the former region. The eastern edges of the Accident anticline and the Upper Youghiogheny syncline form the eastern boundary of the latter region. The intervening area, comprising in Maryland the Georges Creek-Potomac syncline, the Deer Park anticline, and the Castleman syncline, is transitional between them.

THE GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF THE MARYLAND COAL MEASURES.

EARLY PALEOZOIC PERIODS.

At the beginning of our record of geologic history large parts of what is now the continent of North America were covered by the sea. Land areas existed in what is now Canada and probably along a belt near the present Atlantic shore. These lands grew irregularly by elevation, and were worn away by the processes of erosion which are now attacking the land surfaces everywhere. The sea was fed by the waste of the eroded land, and shallowed and narrowed because of receiving these sediments.

The details of this early history are complex and varied. The uplift of the land was sometimes rapid and consequently large amounts of sediment were furnished to the sea within short periods. At other times the land-surface stood near the sea-level for long intervals, and then the sediment which reached the sea was fine in texture and small in volume. The land itself was sometimes submerged beneath the sea so that marine sediments were spread over the old land-surface. The sea-bottom was at other times raised above the water-level and the recently formed strata were eroded and redeposited.

There is very little positive evidence as to what took place within the Maryland coal region during the early Paleozoic periods as no rocks older than the Silurian and Devonian outcrop within the Coal Measures district. The character of the rocks to the east of the coal

district shows, however, that the region was submerged and was receiving sediments from the land mass to the eastward. The character of the later Silurian and early Devonian deposits, which are largely limestones, suggest that this land was near base-level, forming a broad low plain from which little sediment was derived. Gradually the continent rose, initiating erosion and causing muddy sediments to reach the sea. The continent was, however, a lowland until the middle of the Devonian when a very marked uplift of the land area east of the Devonian sea began which resulted in the growth of a great highland area. Erosion now became active and a vast amount of sediment was furnished, forming a great Coastal Plain which grew westward by the gradual filling of the sea and eastward by the reduction of the land to an even plain over which rivers meandered and spread the coarser part of their burden. Conditions little understood but which resulted in the formation of a great series of red and green sandstones, in which marine fossils are usually absent, mark the close of the Devonian period. It seems probable that the waters of this time which extended over the northern Appalachian region must have been shallow and for the most part cut off from the main ocean. A time evidently elapsed during which almost uniform conditions prevailed.

EARLY CARBONIFEROUS OR MISSISSIPPIAN PERIOD.

The change from the Devonian to the Carboniferous sediments in the region under discussion is of great lithologic abruptness. The surface is so sharp as never to be mistaken. Whether or not it is marked by an unconformity is a question which cannot at present be decided.

The Pocono Epoch.

According to Mr. Bailey Willis¹ the beginning of Carboniferous time was accompanied by a slight submergence and a tilting of the coastal plain toward the west. The red sediments which had been

¹ Paleozoic Appalachia; Md. Geo. Survey, vol. iv, p. 65.

supplied to the sea during late Devonian time failed; either because the deeply oxidized residual which had furnished them was exhausted or because transportation to the open sea was prevented by the submergence. At the same time the coarse and cleanly washed quartzose sediments which had been accumulating in the beaches and sand-flats of the Devonian coastal plain were delivered rapidly to the waters of the open sea and were spread as a broad sheet of conglomerate and sand. These beds form the Pocono sandstone. Some of the beaches and lagoons of earlier times were probably then entombed and preserved without destruction in the mass of partly transported and re-deposited material. This made the sediments of the Pocono of great complexity of character and discordance of bedding. The great and rapid variations in thickness of the formation find explanation in previous irregularities of the sea-bottom, in local differences in the amount of material at hand, and above all in the varying distance from shore.

Interbedded with the sandstone and conglomerate are beds of fine shale, some of which carry abundant marine fossils. These are probably the most shoreward representatives of the normal marine sediments which form the Waverly group in Ohio where they contain the remains of flourishing marine life.

In Allegany county there is little apparent difference between the highest Devonian and the lowest Carboniferous sediments except in color and coarseness. In each case the sediments are almost wholly of quartzose materials and indicate shallow water and mountainous land conditions. Cross-bedding, ripple-marks, and thin coal seams all attest a preparatory step toward the marshy condition of the Coal Measures.

Pocono time was marked by rapid submergence and the rapid delivery to the sea of the beach accumulations of previously washed and sorted material. The duration of Pocono time was probably not long.

The Greenbrier Epoch.

The beginning of Greenbrier time was marked by a sudden decrease in the amount of sedimentation. The waters of the Appalachian sea became clearer and deeper and little or no arenaceous sediments were deposited. These waters teemed with marine life, and by the agency of these organisms, aided perhaps by chemical precipitation, beds of limestone were laid down. The argillaceous character of most of the limestone, and the presence of interbedded strata of red shale indicate that land was near enough to furnish some detritus. The nature of this sediment shows that the land had a deeply disintegrated surface and that the shore-line was sufficiently embayed or beach-bound to prevent the coarser material from reaching the open sea. It is probable that the submergence which brought the deep clear ocean waters into the region converted the lower courses of the rivers into estuaries in which the coarser part of the land-waste was held.

The "siliceous limestone" or calcareous cross-bedded sandstone at the base of the Greenbrier records that stage of the submergence when the last of the pebbly beaches disappeared below the sea and clear marine waters first extended over them. The cross-bedding in this rock was the work of the undertow and tides on tops and sides of these already submerged beaches. They are a lithologic transition from the Pocono to the Greenbrier, but belong most positively to the age of the latter.

The absence of fossils in these beds is to be explained by the submergence and the accompanying eastward transfer of the shore-line having been too rapid for the fauna to accompany it.

Shortly after this first invasion of marine waters from the west, the ponded Pocono rivers succeeded in clearing their mouths of the marine waters and poured an accumulation of muddy sediment into the sea. Then were deposited the red and green shales and thin argillaceous limestones of the Middle Greenbrier. It is probable that these deposits record a halt in the subsidence.

The purer, more thickly-bedded limestones which predominate in the upper part of the Greenbrier formation are the record of a renewed and continued subsidence which lasted throughout the remainder of Greenbrier time. Marine conditions then existed for a long period and over a wide area. From time to time muddy sediment reached the sea but it did not interfere with life, for the limestones and shales are both fossiliferous.

The Mauch Chunk Epoch.

The beginning of the Mauch Chunk epoch was marked by the invasion of that part of the sea in which the present Mauch Chunk shales of Maryland were deposited by a great volume of muddy sediment similar to that which from time to time reached it during the Greenbrier epoch. The clear marine waters and the marine fauna were driven away and a great thickness of mud and sand was rapidly deposited. This was occasioned by an elevation of the continent sufficient to quicken erosion and to bring the region under discussion within the zone which could receive muddy sediments; but not enough to submerge the beaches or to deliver coarse unsorted material to the waves. The conditions of Catskill time were repeated. The already deeply weathered and oxidized soil was stripped off and carried to the sea but on the way the coarser material lagged behind and was accumulated in flood-plain and coastal-plain sediments which were not to receive their final deposition until the next epoch.

LATER CARBONIFEROUS OR PENNSYLVANIAN PERIOD.

The change from early Carboniferous to late Carboniferous sediments is very marked. The open-water conditions which had prevailed even to the close of the Mississippian period were now gradually replaced by successive marshes in which the great accumulations of vegetable debris out of which the coal is formed took place.

The Pottsville Epoch.

The beginning of Pottsville time was marked by the change from the deposition of fine oxidized sands and clays to that of much coarser and fresh sands and gravels. It was such a change as accompanies a submergence and seaward tilting of an old land surface. The coastal-plain accumulations were rapidly swept into the sea and re-deposited without resorting.

The history of Pottsville time is complex, varying much within short intervals, not merely from time to time, but from place to place.

The lowest beds of the Pottsville in Maryland are much younger than those of the regions to the northeast and southwest. It is thus evident either that there was no sedimentation in Maryland during the earliest Pottsville time, or that any such sediments as ever existed have been eroded, or that the oldest Pottsville sediments of these other regions are contemporaneous with part of the Mauch Chunk. This question has been discussed by Mr. David White¹ who, while he regards the present evidence as inconclusive, is inclined toward the first explanation.

Mr. White² believes that Mauch Chunk time terminated with the existence of a broad coastal plain bordering a vast expanse of shoals, ferruginous mud-flats and shallows extending across the greater part of the northern coal fields. The Maryland region was far out in the latter belt. Then, according to Mr. White, orogenic movement began and the earth's crust was warped so as to form a trough to the east of the present coal area of Maryland while on either side of the trough the earth's crust was elevated. This brought large areas of the newly deposited Mauch Chunk sediments above sea-level, and also accelerated erosion and the redeposition of the Mauch Chunk coastal plain sediments in the eastern region. The oldest Pottsville was thus deposited, but no sediments were then laid down in the

¹The Stratigraphic Succession of the Fossil Floras of the Pottsville Formation in the Southern Anthracite Coal Field, Pennsylvania. 20th Ann. Rept. U. S. Geol. Survey, part ii, pp. 749-928.

²Bull. Geol. Soc. Amer., vol. xv, 1904, pp. 280-281.

Maryland region. Gradually the trough deepened and at the same time extended westward till finally, in Sharon time, the area of deposition reached what is now the Maryland coal regions. From this time on until the deposition of the youngest Pottsville, this region was within the area of deposition, and the course of events was, as has already been narrated by the author as follows:¹

"In the Maryland region the beginning of Pottsville deposition was marked by the laying down of a thin sandstone, following the cessation of the deposition of red sediments and possibly following a still later period of erosion.

"The next episode was the invasion of fine lagoon and marsh sediments producing a succession of fine sandstone, shales, and coal seams. These beds carry the very distinctive Sharon flora and are hence to be correlated with the widespread Sharon coal-group. The existence of these beds implies an interval of quiescence of considerable duration which extended over a wide area.

"The Connoquenessing sandstones indicate that Sharon time was followed by a tilting of the continent to the seaward which submerged the marsh deposits and spread over them not only part of the barrier beaches behind which they had accumulated but the sands and gravels which had been accumulating along the flood-plains of the rivers. About the middle of Connoquenessing time there was a short period of quiescence during which the Quakertown coal with its accompanying shales was spread in a great marsh which extended not only over the region under discussion but over the greater part of what is now western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. But immediately after the deposition of the coal the conditions which existed during early Connoquenessing time were resumed and continued with great uniformity.

"After the deposition of the Connoquenessing sandstone, the present Maryland coal region again became a great coal marsh in which the Mercer coals and shales were laid down. This marsh extended

¹ The Physical Features of Garrett County; Md. Geol. Survey, 1902, p. 170.

over the whole of western Maryland and the larger part of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio. In its more minute details the history of the Mercer stage was complex. In some places as many as three coals were deposited, while in others there was only one. In some regions two limestones were deposited, but both of them are absent in Maryland.

"Another great sandstone, the Homewood, was spread over the Mercer shales and coals. The deposition of this sandstone probably records a gradual subsidence during which the barrier-beach was driven landward, burying the Mercer marshes. The culmination of this movement terminated Pottsville time."

The Allegheny Epoch.

Allegheny time began with the period of quiet which succeeded the submergence during which the Homewood sandstone was laid down. As soon as this submergence ceased the broad area of sand with its surface in the littoral zone was converted into a swamp in which was formed the Brookville coal. The formation of this coal was followed in some portions of the field by a very slight submergence which permitted the accumulation of mud. When this submergence ceased another swamp was formed in which the Clarion coal was formed. In those localities where there was little or no submergence during this interval the Brookville and Clarion coals are represented by a single seam. In such localities the coal represents *both* the Brookville and the Clarion. In some other localities one or the other may be and probably is absent, because that spot was the location of an island or a lake within the marsh. The Clarion sandstone which overlies the Clarion coal represents a crustal submergence of broad extent and considerable magnitude, which resulted in spreading the sands of the barrier-beach and of the flood-plains over the marsh accumulations. This was followed by a greater submergence which brought the entire district into the region of the accumulation of fine sediments. The shales which overlie the Clarion sandstone date from this time, as does also the Vanport or "Ferri-

ferous" limestone. It is evident that this submergence was greater toward the north and northwest, for the limestone carries a marine fauna only in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the northern part of Maryland and West Virginia, while in the southern part of West Virginia and in the adjacent part of Maryland it is of a fresh or brackish water type. As soon as the bed of shales in which the Vanport limestone is included was built up to the littoral zone, a marsh began to develop upon its surface and the Lower Kittanning coal was formed. The coal seam known as the "Split-six" records the development of a local marsh dating between the age of the Vanport limestone and that of the Lower Kittanning coal. The area of the Lower Kittanning marsh covered a region including what is now the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and probably part of Kentucky. Large areas within this marsh became submerged enough for the Lower Kittanning coal to be covered by a few feet of mud. The Middle Kittanning coal was laid down upon this shale, or in the absence of the shale, directly upon the Lower Kittanning coal.

The Middle Kittanning coal was almost immediately submerged to the zone of the rapid accumulation of sand, and cross-bedded sands were spread over it. Upon this new surface local marshes immediately developed in which the Upper Kittanning coal was formed.

The succeeding time interval was characterized by the rapid and somewhat irregular accumulation of sandstone and shale. The local variations are probably due to differences in source of supply and in stream action. There was probably a moderate submergence after the formation of the Upper Kittanning coal attended by uplift and increased erosion in the interior. The local occurrence of the Lower Freeport limestone in this interval suggests local deeps or quiet places along shore which land detritus did not reach.

The Lower Freeport coal records the next period of widespread tranquillity. The marsh in which this coal was formed does not appear to have been as uniform and unbroken as the Kittanning marshes.

The deposits which cover the Lower Freeport coal are in some places shale and in others sandstone. This indicates variations in amount of submergence, local differences in supply, or both.

The variable succession of events during which these shales and sandstones were laid down was followed by greater quiet. During this interval only fine sediments were accumulated. These consist in some places of limestone, in others of iron carbonate, and in others of fire-clay. The lower Freeport limestone and the Bolivar fire-clay date from this time.

Then came an invasion of rank vegetation, and the Upper Freeport coal was formed. The Upper Freeport marsh was one of great extent and uniformity. According to Professor I. C. White¹ this coal is more regular and persistent in Pennsylvania than elsewhere, although it is workable over large areas in West Virginia and Ohio. The destruction and burial of the vegetation in this marsh ended Allegheny time.

The Conemaugh Epoch.

Conemaugh time began with a general and widespread submergence which spread the previously formed beach accumulations over the Upper Freeport coal, and formed the Mahoning sandstone. This marine transgression was of wide extent and must have been of long duration. During its progress the Upper Freeport marsh was being driven eastward so that the Upper Freeport coal of the most eastern basins of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania is contemporaneous with part at least of the Mahoning sandstone of Ohio. During the middle of Mahoning time there were developed in parts of this region small marshes in which the Mahoning coal was formed. During the formation of this coal the submergence must have ceased long enough for the land detritus to be built into a beach. The predominance of shale over sandstone at the horizon of the Upper Mahoning sandstone in this region indicates that the supply of material in the barrier-beach was not very great or else that the streams had

¹Bull. 65, U. S. Geol. Survey, 1891, p. 147.

filled their channels with debris to such an extent that they were carrying a large amount of unsorted material to the coast.

Mahoning time ended with the deposition of the last sand. The submergence had reached such a point at this time that only very fine material was reaching the sea. As soon as sedimentation caught up with this submergence a marsh of very broad extent was spread over the newly made flats and the Brush Creek coal was formed. The Brush Creek marsh covered all of the coal region of Maryland west of Cumberland, most of southwestern Pennsylvania, all of eastern Ohio, the greater part of West Virginia, and part of Kentucky. That conditions were extremely uniform over the greater part of this area is shown by the almost entire absence of variation in the character of this coal. The marsh was so large that the vegetation grew, for the most part, in clear water and consequently the coal is remarkably free from impurities.

The barrier behind which the Brush Creek marsh existed was low and contained a small amount of sand compared with the area of the marsh. Consequently when the submergence which terminated the formation of the coal took place, the overlying bed was not formed from the sand of the barrier-beach driven inland by the waves. But marsh and beach together were submerged under the waters of the open sea and the first covering which the coal received was of shale. As soon as from five to eight feet of shale was deposited the marine life which had been living farther from shore colonized this newly-made sea-floor, and flourished there. In this way the Lower Cambridge limestone was spread as a broad continuous sheet at a very uniform distance of about six feet above the Brush Creek coal. Then there was a continental elevation which increased the amount of sediment, rendering the conditions more and more unfavorable for marine life until as the deposits became a sand, the fauna entirely disappeared. The Buffalo sandstone was then rapidly laid down. This sandstone was evidently derived from a partly sorted mass of sand, which during the formation of the Lower Cambridge limestone, had been deposited on a coastal plain which lay to the eastward of that

part of the Carboniferous sea in which the limestone was deposited. Still farther to the east lay a low continent whose surface was being deeply disintegrated by aerial agencies.

The next step in the history of the sediments was the submergence of the continental mass, probably accompanied by a seaward tilting. This brought the last of the coastal-plain sands below the reach of the waves, admitted the marine waters to the Maryland region, and delivered the red residual soil of the old land surface to the sea. The result was the deposition of a series of red and gray shales and marine fossiliferous limestones. The Upper Cambridge limestone, represented in Maryland by two limestone bands 17 feet apart, belongs here. The red shales carry some marine fossils.

The sea was gradually being driven back by the growth of the land and soon the shore was transferred westward beyond the Maryland region. Then a great marsh was spread as far west as the Monongahela river, and in it the Bakerstown coal was formed.

Over the Bakerstown coal the rivers spread a deposit of cross-bedded sand which is now known as the Saltsburg sandstone. As this sand was extended seaward the land sank until the coarser deposits failed to reach the coast, and a deposit of shale was laid down along the shore. A coastal plain was thus built up of fine material, the coarser land-débris being held back in the estuaries and on the flood-plains of the overburdened streams. The coastal plain then was brought to sea-level, a barrier beach was formed around its outer edge, and a great marsh was enclosed within. The Friendsville coal was formed in this marsh. The extent of this marsh was practically the same as that of the marsh in which the Brush Creek coal was formed. The history of the Brush Creek marsh was repeated. The entire coast,—barrier beaches, marsh, and estuaries were submerged below the open sea, thus cutting off the supply of terrestrial débris from this region and admitting a marine fauna, by the agency of which the marine Ames limestone was formed. It must be noted that in this case the invasion of the marine fauna was so rapid that the limestone rests directly on the coal.

This submergence was of short duration. The land mass was elevated, bringing muddy sediments into the region under discussion, and the marine fauna was driven to the west. The elevation of the sea-floor and the sedimentation from rivers resulted in a deposit of muddy and sandy material over the continental shelf. Soon these deposits reached the ocean level, and a marsh was inclosed in which the Elklick coal was formed. This coal is thin and very variable in Maryland, but whether this is due to the conditions of its formation or to its subsequent erosion is not known. It seems probable that the elevation which rendered the formation of the coal possible continued to some extent during and after its formation, and that thus not only was the surface of the coal somewhat eroded but the shore was transferred far to the westward, and the continent sufficiently raised so that stream action was greatly accelerated. This elevation terminated the marine history of this region and of the entire northern Appalachian coal fields.

It is also probable that from this time on differential uplift played a greater and greater part. The warping of the crust increased the elevation more rapidly in the interior than on the coast and barriers due to differential uplift kept back the sea. The thick deposits of sand and gravel which were then laid down form the Morgantown sandstone, the base of which records the break either between the middle and upper Carboniferous¹ or between the Carboniferous and Permian.²

It seems probable that when the Morgantown sandstone was deposited the Appalachian gulf ceased forever to be marine. This was due in part to the decrease in area of the gulf, especially at the northeast end, in part to the general shallowing of the gulf throughout, and in part to the fact that the repeated seaward tiltings had increased the gradient of the westward-flowing stream, reducing at the same time that of those flowing to the east, and had thus diverted a large amount of drainage from the Atlantic into the gulf.

¹I. C. White, Bull. 65, U. S. Geol. Survey, 1891, pp. 19, 70.

²I. C. White, Amer. Geol., vol. xxi, 1898, p. 51.

The Morgantown sandstone is the product of a great elevation which transferred the previously accumulated coastal-plain deposits into the sea, eroding and then burying the marine and coastal-marsh deposits which had been formed in the time just passed. This elevation was in large part differential, and the land areas were elevated more than the sea and coast. As far as the coast was concerned the elevation did not continue long. In fact it is highly probable that after a very short time the coast began to be submerged. Due in part to this reverse movement which may have involved to some extent the whole land-mass, and in part to the fact that erosion was counteracting the effect of elevation, the sediments gradually became finer. The upper part of the Morgantown sandstone grades into a sandy shale, in which is included the Lonaconing coal, the product of a marsh which existed toward the close of Morgantown time.

The red and green shales which frequently overlie the Morgantown sandstone record a time in which a large part of the land lay near base-level and only the finer sediments reached the sea. Toward the latter part of this epoch a fresh water limestone (the Clarksburg limestone) was laid down. The next step was the development of a very extensive coal marsh in which the Franklin or Little Clarksburg coal was formed.

The Connellsville sandstone records another seaward tilting which spread the sand and gravel, which had failed to reach the sea during the preceding time, over the finer deposits.

Connellsville time was followed by a submergence and a time of quiet in which little sand and no gravel passed the shore-line. Fine sands alternated with clays and limy muds. Several coal marshes were developed but these were of local extent. The epoch was marked by gentle and somewhat irregular submergence and slow sedimentation. Finally the bottom of the greater part of the gulf was brought near water level and the Conemaugh epoch ended.

The Monongahela Epoch.

Monongahela time began with the growth of vegetation on the even surface which was formed in the Appalachian gulf during the

closing days of Conemaugh time. This was the Pittsburg marsh and in it was formed the Pittsburg coal. The Pittsburg marsh was of long duration, and conditions were of remarkable uniformity in its various parts. Such changes as took place, for example, the interruption of vegetable growth by the deposition of mud, extended over broad areas. The epoch of the Pittsburg coal was ended by a very gentle and widespread submergence without tilting, which brought the marsh below the waters so that it was covered by fine mud. That the land areas shared in this submergence is shown by the fact that coarse material is not included in this covering. The waters soon became deep and clear enough for a deposit of limestone (Redstone) to form. The formation of this limestone brought the sea-bottom again near the surface of the water and a marsh developed in which the Redstone coal was formed. The next step was another gradual submergence which involved land and sea areas alike, and resulted in the deposition of more shale and limestone. This limestone (Sewickley) is somewhat irregular in extent and occasionally grades laterally into the shale. The water was not everywhere deep enough, or far enough removed from the mouths of rivers for limestone to form.

After the formation of the limestone the land rose and a coal marsh formed and migrated westward along the receding shore. In this marsh the Sewickley coal was formed. The presence in some regions of two Sewickley coals separated by an interval of shale indicates that the Sewickley marsh was locally submerged, and that the last stages of the marsh were spread in some regions directly over its old surface, and in others over the muds which had there buried the older part of the marsh. The Maryland region was one of the latter type.

After the formation of the Upper Sewickley coal the sea-bottom sank with evidently some differential movement. The submergence was probably greater in the region which is now western Pennsylvania and Ohio than in West Virginia and Maryland. In Maryland and West Virginia shale and sandstone were deposited, while in Ohio

and western Pennsylvania the deposits were of limestone and shale. Immediately after the deposition of the main mass of limestone or of sandstone, a coal marsh was locally developed and in it the Union-town coal was formed. Submergence followed this, and a deposit of shale and sandstone was laid down. Then the waters became deeper and the Waynesburg limestone was formed. Subsequently the waters became extremely shallow and a marsh was developed, in which the Waynesburg coal was formed. The final interruption of vegetable growth and burial of this swamp ended Monongahela time, and with it the Carboniferous.

THE PERMIAN PERIOD.

The Dunkard Epoch.

Dunkard time began with the gentle submergence which buried the Waynesburg marsh. The events of this epoch in Maryland are not well known because the rocks are not well exposed. It was evidently a time of gentle and continuous submergence, and of slow sedimentation in fresh or brackish water.

There is no record preserved, in the Maryland rocks, of the last half of the Dunkard epoch. Sedimentation probably continued in this region until the Appalachian gulf was finally filled. This ended the Paleozoic sedimentary record in this part of the world.

THE MESOZOIC AND CENOZOIC ERAS.

The Pre-Quaternary Periods.

The Maryland coal district, like the rest of the Appalachian region, was a land area during the entire Mesozoic and Cenozoic time. It received no sediment, but was a region subject to uplift, folding, and erosion. There is no chronologic record of the process of folding to which these rocks have been subjected. The present structure shows the final result of the folding without any historical details. The folding took place at no great depth below the surface and was not accompanied by any sudden or violent movement. It may have occurred at one or at several periods.

The Quaternary Period.

Quaternary time in the district was a period of erosion accompanied by the local and temporary deposition of sediments along the water courses and behind barriers of resistant rock. The minor details of this history were complex and no adequate record of them has been preserved.

The history is one of continued erosion retarded here and there by the shifting barriers of sandstone and conglomerate ledges across the streams. Behind these barriers small deposits of sand and clay accumulated. Probably at no time in the Quaternary did conditions over the region as a whole differ much from those existing at present.

In the review of the sedimentary record we have seen how elevation and subsidence followed each other with varying rapidity while the large volume of Paleozoic sediments was being deposited. It seems probable that during this time some lateral pressure was also exerted upon these sediments, producing incipient anticlines and synclines. It was not, however, until near the close of Paleozoic time that structural changes of exceptional magnitude were manifested throughout the entire Appalachian province. The strata which had been deposited upon each other in an approximately horizontal position were then squeezed and folded to an enormous degree, the forces being applied laterally in a direction perpendicular to the course of the present mountain ranges. How long this compression continued is not known. Suffice it to say that the earliest Mesozoic records show a new axis of drainage and that most of the rivers, instead of flowing to the west as the Paleozoic rivers had done, were then flowing to the east.

That there has been vertical upward movement of importance since the close of Paleozoic time is evidenced by the development of well-marked physiographic features, such as the Cretaceous and Tertiary peneplains and the various river terraces found along the streams of the county.

CORRELATION OF THE FORMATIONS AND MEMBERS

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The coal deposits of Maryland constitute part of the series of Coal Measures of the northern Appalachian field. They have frequently in the past been considered by geologists independently of the deposits of the same age in the adjacent states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia and a local classification of formations and coal beds has been at various times proposed. This has been in large measure due to the fact that the study of the Maryland Coal Measures has been mainly confined to the Georges Creek basin, a deep synclinal trough that presents the only full representation of the formations of the Coal Measures within the limits of the State, but which is entirely detached from the main areas of the Coal Measures in the adjoining states. Very little consideration has been given in the past to the less complete series of coal deposits found to the westward in Garrett County for the reason that these relatively less important basins have been left practically undeveloped until within the last decade.

The authors of the present report have been engaged for several years in a study of the Coal Measures of Maryland, and are satisfied, both from an intimate comparison of the sequence of deposits found represented in Maryland with those of other areas and from the continuity of certain of the beds with those in adjacent regions of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, that the same conditions and the same seams of coal earlier described in adjacent areas are present in Maryland and that these names must be adopted in classifying the Mary-

land deposits. The accuracy of these conclusions are further attested by a study of the floras and faunas which are extensive and highly distinctive, and prove the equivalency of many of the horizons beyond all question. The authors have been much impressed from this comparison of deposits and the fossil remains contained in them with the wide geographic range of even the minor divisions of the Coal Measures of the northern Appalachian field, many of the beds being traced without difficulty over thousands of square miles with very little change in physical characteristics. Some of the coal beds especially show marked typical features that admit of their ready determination. This is seen not only in the physical constitution of the coal but in the characteristic position and nature of the partings.

The Coal Measures of the northern Appalachian field, as indicated in the preceding discussion, have been divided into the following formations:

TABLE.		
Group.	Formation.	Age.
	Dunkard.....	Permian (?)
Coal Measures	Monongahela.....	Upper Carboniferous (Pennsylvanian).
	Conemaugh.....	
	Allegheny.....	
	Pottsville.....	

These formations, together with their subdivisions, are described in the succeeding pages. Characteristic sections accompany the text, the character of the deposits being represented in the usual conventional manner. That portion of each section which was concealed is left blank. As each section is carefully drawn to the scale of 1 inch to 200 feet it will be an easy matter to determine the thickness of the several members. Here and there slight changes in the character of the material as compared with typical sections of western Pennsylvania are apparent, but in general the character and position of the several beds are remarkably similar. Some differences in the thickness of the individual members appear but they conform for the most part to the recognized changes that affect the eastern margin of the northern Appalachian field.

POTTSVILLE FORMATION.

Composition and Relations.—The strata here referred to the Pottsville formations consist of conglomerates, sandstones, shales, fire-clays, and coals which reach from 325 to 380 feet in thickness. The thickness is apparently greatest in the southeastern part of the region under discussion and decreases toward the north and west.

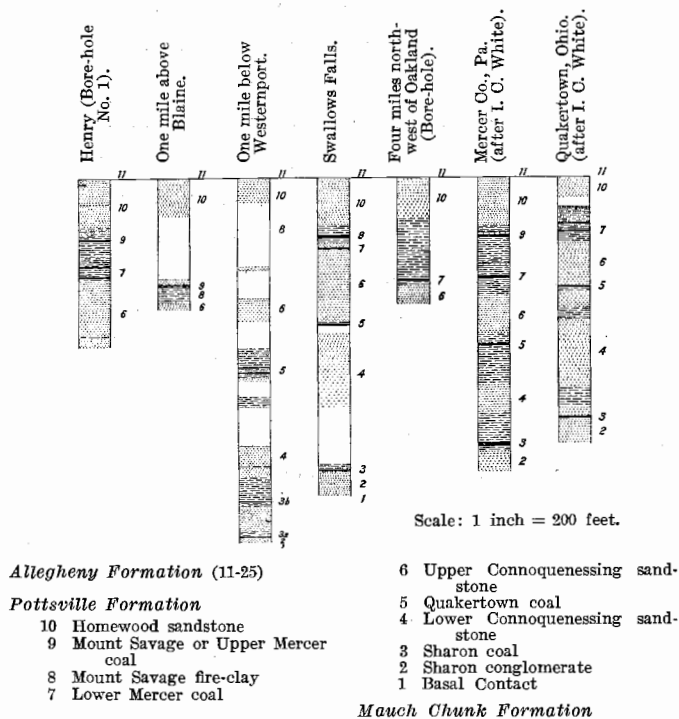


FIG. 21.—Columnar Sections of the Pottsville Formation.

The Pottsville formation in Maryland is of the *western Pennsylvania type* and lacks the greatest thickness shown in the southern anthracite field of Pennsylvania, where the formation was named. Comparison of the formation, both as a whole as well as the individual members, with the strata exposed there can at present be made only on paleontological evidence. This is not at this time sufficient

for the complete correlation, and consequently the present discussion will be restricted to a consideration of the relations of the Maryland deposits with those exposed and named in western Pennsylvania. Professor Stevenson, in a recent and very elaborate discussion of the stratigraphy and correlation of the Pottsville,¹ has grouped the members into two subformations; the Upper Pottsville or Beaver of Lesley, and the Lower Pottsville or Rockcastle of Crandall. The former includes only that part of the Pottsville which is present in Maryland with the addition of the Sharon sandstone which should, perhaps, be included with it. It would therefore be possible, and may be advisable in future and more detailed work over broader areas, to map the Beaver formation as a division of the Pottsville group or as a subformation of the Pottsville, in which case the beds present in Maryland would be called the Beaver formation.

The U. S. Geological Survey, in its Piedmont folio, adopted the name Blackwater formation for the deposits of this horizon, but included also, according to Mr. David White² and Professor Stevenson,³ about 195 feet of the strata belonging to the Lower Pottsville.

Basal contact (1).⁴—The Pottsville formation everywhere rests on the red and green shales and sandstones of the Mauch Chunk formation. There is some local discordance of bedding, indicating an unconformity which, according to the physical and floral proof of Mr. David White, represents an overlap and probable erosion interval which extends over the greater part of the area of the northern Appalachians.⁵

¹ Carboniferous of the Appalachian Basin. Bull. Geol. Soc. Amer., vol. xv, 1904, pp. 37-210.

² Deposition of the Appalachian Pottsville. Bull. Geol. Soc. Amer., vol. xv, 1904, pp. 267-281.

³ Carboniferous of the Appalachian Basin. Bull. Geol. Soc. Amer., vol. xv, 1904, p. 190.

⁴ The numbers used in this paper correspond to those used on the figures. There is no intention to give the coal seams and other members of the Coal Measures of Maryland a permanent *numbering*.

⁵ Deposition of the Appalachian Pottsville. Bull. Geol. Soc. Amer., vol. xv, 1904, pp. 267-281.

Sharon sandstone (2).—A sandstone which probably nowhere in Maryland exceeds 25 feet in thickness, and is sometimes absent, is generally found at the base of the Pottsville formation. It is considered to represent the Sharon conglomerate because of its position conformably below the Sharon coal.

Sharon coal (3).—Good exposures of the strata at the base of the Pottsville are found one mile below Westernport, Allegany county, and in the gorge of the Youghiogheny river, below Swallow Falls, Garrett county. At each of these localities there are beds of coal in a series of shales which lie between the sandstone above mentioned and a much thicker and more massive overlying sandstone. Both from the stratigraphic position and from the evidence¹ of the abundant fossil plants, these beds are regarded as the equivalent of the Sharon coal group.

Lower Connoquenessing sandstone (4).—Overlying the shales of the Sharon group is a mass of very coarse, thick-bedded, white, sandstone, which from its position is evidently the equivalent of the Lower Connoquenessing sandstone of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

Quakertown coal (5).—Near the top of the Lower Connoquenessing sandstone and overlain by a similar thick-bedded sandstone is a coal seam which corresponds in stratigraphic position to the Quakertown coal of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. The seam named the Bloomington coal² was assigned to a stratigraphic position corresponding to that of the Quakertown coal; but under this appellation were also included at a few points coals that are now known to belong to the Mount Savage and the Clarion seams.

Upper Connoquenessing sandstone (6).—Overlying the Quakertown coal is a coarse white sandstone about 75 feet in thickness, which corresponds to the Upper Connoquenessing sandstone described by Dr. I. C. White, from Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

¹ Mr. David White, after an examination of the fossils, has informed the authors that he considers them to belong to the horizon of the Sharon coal.

² The Physical Features of Allegany County. Md. Geol. Survey, 1900, pp. 115, 170.

Lower Mercer coal (7).—A very short distance above the top of the Upper Connoquenessing sandstone is a thin coal, which corresponds in its position with reference to the underlying and overlying beds to the Lower Mercer coal of western Pennsylvania.

Mount Savage fire-clay (8).—Above the Lower Mercer coal, or on top of the Connoquenessing sandstone when that coal is absent, is the Mount Savage fire-clay, so named from its typical development near the town of Mount Savage, Allegany County, Maryland. The bed consists of a mass of soft gray shale from 5 to 12 feet in thickness, which softens readily, on exposure to the weather, to a plastic, very refractory clay. As nodules in this mass, or replacing part or all of it, is the flint-clay, which differs from the plastic clay in not becoming plastic either by grinding or on exposure to the weather. The genetic difference between the two varieties is not known, and there seems to be no regularity in distribution between them.

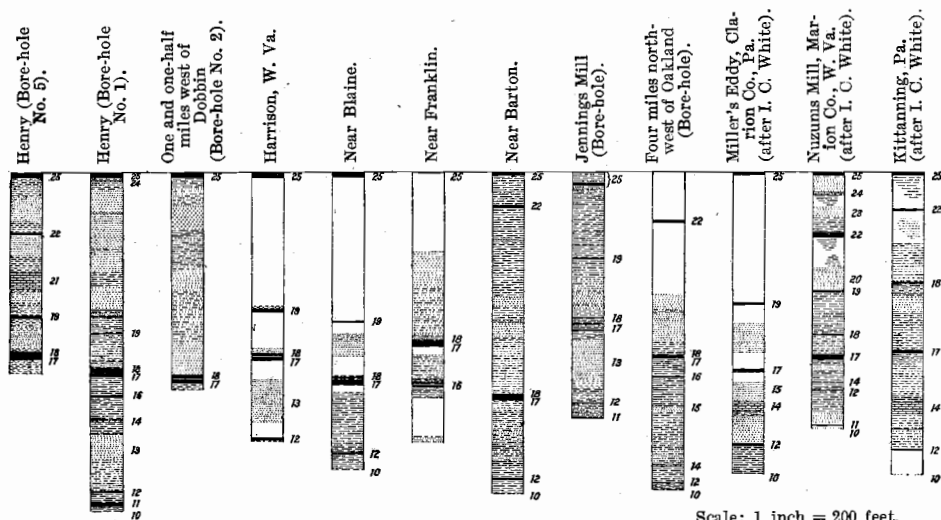
Mount Savage or Upper Mercer coal (9).—Immediately above the Mount Savage fire-clay is a seam of coal varying in thickness from 2 to 4 feet. It is the seam which has long been known in the northern end of the Georges Creek basin as the Mount Savage coal, and is possibly the same as the Upper Mercer coal of Professor H. D. Rogers. The seam which was named the Westernport coal¹ in the southern Georges Creek basin is the same as this. The shales associated with this coal carry an abundant flora, which Mr. David White, after examination, informs the authors is identical with the Mercer flora.

Homewood sandstone (10).—A massive sandstone, varying in thickness from 30 to 100 feet, is found a short distance above the Mount Savage coal. This was formerly called the Piedmont sandstone. From its position between the Mercer coal group and the base of the Allegheny formation, it is evidently identical with the Homewood sandstone of Pennsylvania.

¹The Physical Features of Allegany County, Md. Geol. Survey, 1900, pp. 115, 170, 171.

ALLEGHENY FORMATION.

Composition and relations.—The Allegheny formation consists of a series of sandstones, shales, limestones, and coal seams having a total thickness in Maryland of from 260 to 350 feet. The thickness is greatest in the southern and eastern parts of the area, in this respect corresponding to the Pottsville.



Conemaugh Formation (26-44)

Allegheny Formation

- 25 Upper Freeport coal
- 24 Upper Freeport limestone (Bo-livar fire-clay)
- 23 Upper Freeport or Roaring Creek sandstone
- 22 Lower Freeport coal
- 21 Lower Freeport limestone
- 20 Lower Freeport sandstone

- 19 Upper Kittanning coal
- 18 Middle Kittanning coal
- 17 Lower Kittanning coal
- 16 "Split-six" coal
- 15 Kittanning sandstone
- 14 Vanport or ferriferous limestone
- 13 Clarion sandstone
- 12 Clarion coal
- 11 Brookville coal

Pottsville Formation (1-10).

FIG. 22.—Columnar Sections of the Allegheny Formation.

The name "Allegheny series" was proposed by H. D. Rogers in 1840¹ to include the strata from the lowest bed exposed at Pittsburg down to the "sandstones and conglomerate at the bottom of the coal formation." The type section is along the Allegheny river between

¹Fourth Annual Report of the Geological Survey of the State of Pennsylvania, p. 150.

Pittsburg and Warren. In later usage the formation has been restricted by cutting off the upper part, which now constitutes the Conemaugh formation. The Allegheny formation was also known under the name of the Lower Productive Coal Measures or Lower Productive Measures. The U. S. Geological Survey, in its Piedmont folio, proposed the name 'Savage formation for the lower part of the Allegheny formation, including the Davis coal, and the name Bayard formation for the upper part of the Allegheny formation and lower part of the Conemaugh formation up to and including the Four-foot coal of the Potomac valley.

Brookville coal (11).—A seam of coal varying from 1 to 4 feet in thickness sometimes occurs at or very near the base of the Allegheny formation. This is in the stratigraphic position of the Brookville coal. It has been known in Maryland as the Bluebaugh coal, and was so called in the Report on the Geology of Allegany County.

Clarion coal (12).—A seam of coal approximating $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in thickness is found in an interval of from 12 to 30 feet above the Brookville coal, or, in the absence of that coal, about the same distance above the base of the formation. This seam corresponds in position to the Clarion coal. It has been hitherto known in Maryland as the Parker coal, and was so called in the Report on the Geology of Allegany County.

Clarion sandstone (13).—Separated from the Clarion coal by a thin series of shales, there is frequently a massive sandstone, which sometimes reaches as much as 70 feet in thickness. It is especially well developed along the Potomac river in Garrett county, where it can readily be mistaken for the Homewood sandstone. This sandstone is in the stratigraphic position and has the lithologic character of the Clarion sandstone of Pennsylvania.

Vanport or Ferriferous limestone (14).—A short distance above the Clarion sandstone, or the horizon for it, is a limestone a few feet in thickness. This limestone has been seen at only a few points in the southern part of Garrett county. At all of these localities it is evidently of fresh-water origin, and contains no fossils except Ostra-

coda. In the bore-hole four miles northwest of Oakland a thin limestone with marine fossils was encountered at this horizon. It is the position of the Vanport or "Ferriferous" limestone of Pennsylvania, and is possibly the equivalent of the Putnam Hill limestone of Zanesville, Ohio.

Kittanning sandstone (15).—The interval between the Vanport limestone and the next coal above is usually occupied by shale. In the bore-hole four miles northwest of Oakland, where this interval is large, it is occupied in part, however, by sandstone. This sandstone corresponds in position to the Kittanning sandstone of Pennsylvania.

"Split-six" coal (16).—Separated from the Vanport limestone by a variable thickness of shale is a seam of coal about 4 feet in thickness, but too impure to mine. This is best developed in the southern end of the Georges Creek valley, where it is known as the "Split-six." It does not appear to have any named equivalent in other regions, unless it is the Scrubgrass or Upper Clarion coal of Pennsylvania.

Lower Kittanning coal (17).—A seam of coal of great persistence, which can be seen at almost every point where strata of this horizon are exposed, occurs at an interval of from 90 to 140 feet above the base and from 170 to 210 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation. This seam corresponds in stratigraphic position to the Lower Kittanning coal of Pennsylvania.

Middle Kittanning coal (18).—Another seam of equal persistence is found at a distance of from a few inches to 30 feet above the top of the Lower Kittanning coal. Over broad areas it is so close to the Lower Kittanning that the two form practically one seam. The upper of these closely associated seams is probably the equivalent of the Middle Kittanning coal of Pennsylvania.

The Lower and Upper Kittanning coals are called in the upper Potomac basin the Davis coal, and locally in the lower Georges Creek basin and in the vicinity of Piedmont, West Virginia, by the name of the "Six-foot."

Upper Kittanning coal (19).—Separated from the Middle Kittan-

ning coal by from 30 to 60 feet of shale and sandstone is a seam of coal from 1 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in thickness. This is in the position of the Upper Kittanning coal.

Lower Freeport sandstone (20).—A short distance above the Upper Kittanning coal is a massive sandstone of variable thickness, which corresponds in position to the Lower Freeport sandstone.

Lower Freeport limestone (21).—A limestone 16 feet in thickness was encountered at a distance of 28 feet above the Upper Kittanning coal in one of the bore-holes at Henry. This is the horizon of the Lower Freeport limestone of Pennsylvania. This limestone has not been seen elsewhere in Maryland.

Lower Freeport coal (22).—A seam of coal of variable thickness sometimes appears at a distance of from 35 to 60 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation. It corresponds in position to the Lower Freeport coal of Pennsylvania.

Upper Freeport or Roaring Creek sandstone (23).—A short distance above the Lower Freeport coal is a very massive, sometimes conglomeritic, sandstone. This is the Upper Freeport sandstone of Pennsylvania, or the Roaring Creek sandstone of West Virginia, recently described by Dr. I. C. White.¹

Upper Freeport limestone and Bolivar fire-clay (24).—Immediately above the Upper Freeport sandstone, or the horizon of that sandstone, there sometimes appears a thin limestone which corresponds in position with the Upper Freeport limestone. At several places a flint fire-clay has been observed at this horizon, and in such cases the limestone is absent. A similar relationship has been reported from Pennsylvania, where the Bolivar fire-clay is regarded as "replacing" the Lower Freeport limestone.

Upper Freeport coal (25).—At the top of the Allegheny formation is a very persistent seam of coal, which, in its relationships to the overlying and underlying strata, corresponds to the Upper Freeport coal of Pennsylvania. This seam has been called the "Four-foot"

¹ W. Va. Geol. Survey, vol. ii, 1903, pp. 462, 463.

in the Georges Creek valley and the "Three-foot" in the Potomac valley. In the Piedmont folio of the U. S. Geological Survey and the "Report on the Geology of Allegany County" it is called the Thomas coal.

CONEMAUGH FORMATION.

Composition and relations.—The strata here referred to the Conemaugh formation consists of a series of sandstones, shales, conglomerates, limestones, and coal seams. The total thickness varies from 600 to 700 feet. The average thickness in the Georges Creek basin is about 630 feet. In the Potomac basin it is slightly less. In the Castleman basin the only complete measurement obtainable in Maryland gave about 700 feet, which, however, is 100 feet in excess of the thickness obtained by the Pennsylvania survey farther north in the same basin. The thickness in the lower Youghiogheny basin is slightly over 600 feet.

This formation, generally known hitherto under the name of the Lower Barren Coal Measures, or Lower Barren Measures, was called the Conemaugh formation by Franklin Platt in 1875¹ from the typical development of these rocks along the Conemaugh river, in western Pennsylvania. This formation has also been known under the name of the Pittsburg coal series and the Elk river series, while that portion above the Four-foot coal of the Potomac valley was called by the U. S. Geological Survey in its Piedmont folio the Fairfax formation.

Lower Mahoning sandstone (26).—A very massive and persistent sandstone from 25 to 50 feet in thickness occurs at the base of the Conemaugh formation. It corresponds to the lower part of the Mahoning sandstone of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

Mahoning limestone (27).—Overlying the Lower Mahoning sandstone is sometimes a bed of limestone corresponding to the Mahoning limestone. It has been recorded by Dr. I. C. White² from

¹ 2nd Geol. Survey, Pa., H., p. 8.

² U. S. Geol. Survey, Bull. 65, 1891, p. 82.

a bore-hole at Fairfax, W. Va., where it has a thickness of 20 feet, and occurs at a distance of 42 feet above the base of the formation.

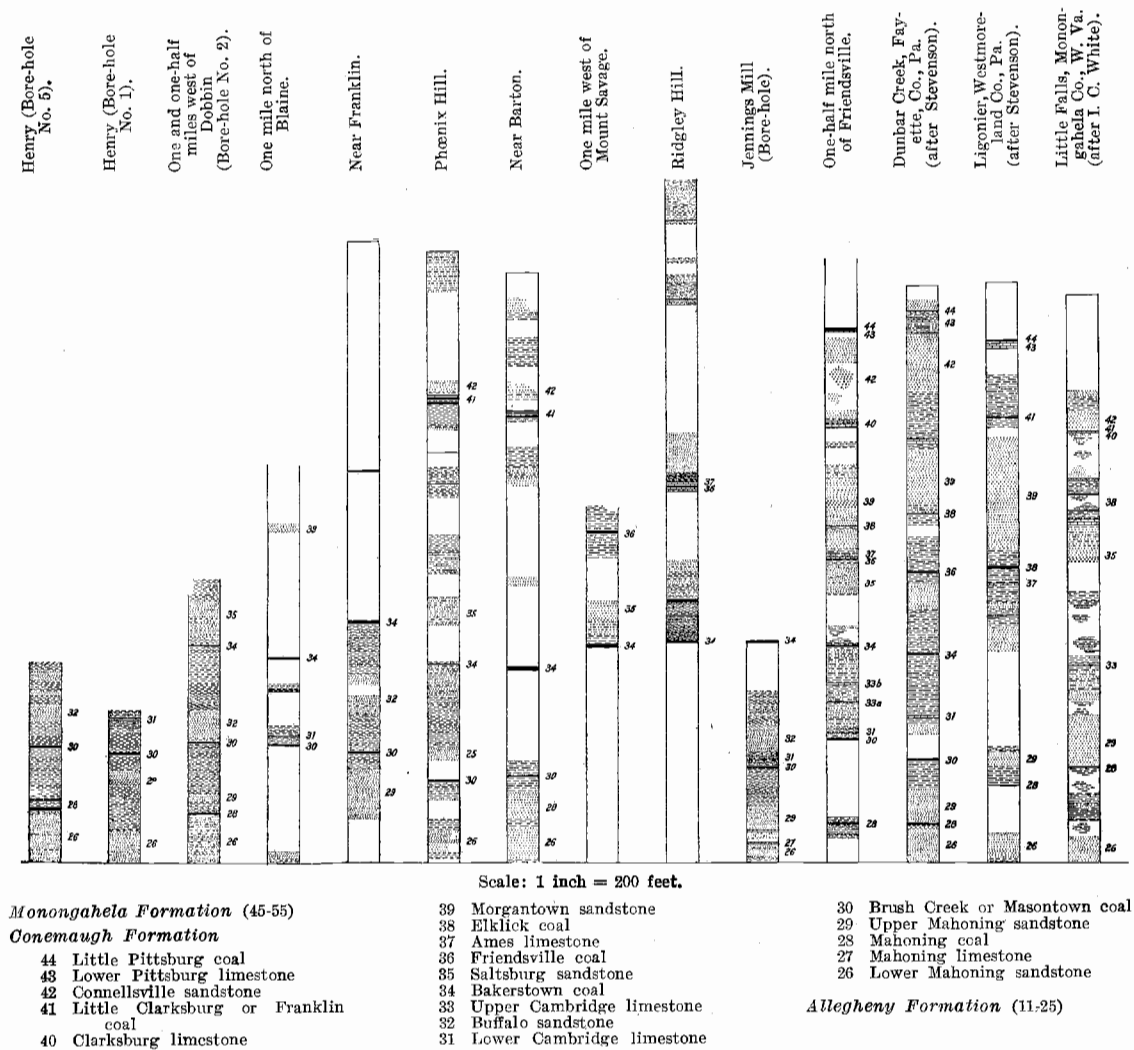


FIG. 23.—Columnar Sections of the Conemaugh Formation.

In the bore-hole at Jennings mill, in the Castleman basin, it is apparently represented by a bed of carbonate of iron three feet in thickness

and is about 20 feet above the base of the formation. This corresponds to the Johnstown iron ore, which, in Pennsylvania, is recognized as occurring at the horizon of the Mahoning limestone.

Mahoning coal (28).—In the absence of the Mahoning limestone there frequently appears in its place a thin seam of coal, known in Pennsylvania and West Virginia as the Mahoning coal.

Upper Mahoning sandstone (29).—The Upper Mahoning sandstone lies immediately above the black roof shales of the Mahoning coal, or the Mahoning limestone, as the case may be; or, in the absence of both the coal and the limestone, it forms one continuous mass with the Lower Mahoning sandstone. It varies much in lithologic character and thickness. Sometimes it is very massive and conglomeritic, while at other times it is thin-bedded and shaly.

Brush Creek coal (30).—A seam of coal having a thickness of from 18 to 24 inches, and without partings, is found in a position varying from 85 to 125 feet above the base of the formation. From its position above the Mahoning sandstone, and more especially from its relation to the overlying fossiliferous beds, this is regarded as the equivalent of the coal formerly called "Masontown" by Dr. I. C. White,¹ although it is not the Masontown coal of the type locality (Masontown, Preston county, West Virginia) which has recently been shown by Dr. I. C. White² to belong at the Bakerstown horizon. The coal which actually occurs at the supposed horizon of the Masontown coal was renamed Mason by Dr. I. C. White³ from the occurrence at Mason, Kanawha County, W. Va. The name Farmington coal was applied by Mr. M. R. Campbell⁴ in 1902 from the occurrence of the coal at Farmington, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and antedates Mason by about a year. The Brush Creek coal of the Pennsylvania Survey belongs at this horizon, and that name, being the oldest, should be used.

¹ U. S. Geol. Survey, Bull. No. 65, 1891, pp. 72-85, 94-95.

² W. Va. Geol. Survey, vol. ii, 1903, pp. 268, 285.

³ Loc. cit., p. 285.

⁴ Masontown-Uniontown Folio, U. S. Geol. Survey, Geol. Atlas, folio 82, p. 12.

Lower Cambridge limestone (31).—Separated from the Brush Creek coal by about five feet of fissile, black carbonaceous shale is a band of calcareous shale or bituminous limestone, usually about eight inches in thickness. This limestone and the overlying shales are filled with well preserved marine fossils. The fauna is very rich, both in individuals and in species. No detailed study has as yet been made of it, but enough species have been determined to make it certain that it is the fauna of the Lower Cambridge limestone of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The greatest thickness of this limestone known in Maryland was obtained in the bore-hole at Jennings mill. Here it is three feet thick, and is overlain by four feet of black, fossiliferous shale.

Buffalo sandstone (32).—A short distance above the Lower Cambridge limestone is a sandstone, which sometimes attains a thickness of 40 feet. It corresponds with the Buffalo sandstone of western Pennsylvania, which was formerly considered to be the equivalent of the Upper Mahoning sandstone, but which Dr. I. C. White has shown to overlie the Lower Cambridge limestone.

Grantsville ("Beachey") coal.—This seam occurs in the Castleman basin only. Its position is apparently a short distance below the Bakerstown seam, but cannot be exactly determined. It may be a local development of the "Honeycomb" or Bakerstown, or may belong as much as 60 feet below that seam. It is, however, more than eighty feet above the Brush Creek coal. In regard to its correlation it may be said that if it is not a local phase of the Bakerstown it has no equivalent in the other coal basins of Maryland. In the Salisbury basin of Pennsylvania, of which the Castleman basin is the southern continuation, there are three coal seams between the "Bakerstown" and the "Masontown"¹ (Brush Creek) which have no recognized equivalent elsewhere. The "Beachey" seam is probably one of these, but there is no positive evidence as to which it is. It

¹ I. C. White, Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 65, 1891, p. 76.

was named the Grantsville coal¹ from its typical development near the town of that name.

Upper Cambridge limestone (33).—In the river bluff north of Friendsville there are two thin limestone beds at intervals of 32 and 50 feet respectively above the Lower Cambridge limestone. One or both of these probably represent the Upper Cambridge limestone of Ohio. Both beds carry marine fossils.

Lower red shales.—The interval between the top of the Buffalo sandstone and the under clay of the Bakerstown coal contains a large amount of red and green shale. The Upper Cambridge limestones occur in these shales, and the red shales themselves carry fossils. These red beds are very persistent, and their outcrop can be easily traced throughout the Lower Youghiogheny basin. They were encountered at their normal position in the bore-hole at Jennings mill, in the Castleman basin, and are evidently the beds known by that name in Pennsylvania.

Bakerstown coal (34).—A very persistent seam, which in some districts is of considerable economic importance, occurs at an interval varying from 90 to 135 feet above the Brush Creek coal. The thickness of the coal varies from two to five feet. This seam occupies the stratigraphic position of the Bakerstown coal of Pennsylvania. It is the locally recognized Barton coal, described by that name in the Report on the Geology of Allegany County, but apparently not the Barton coal of the Pennsylvania reports.² In the Georges Creek basin it is commonly known as the "Three-foot," in the Potomac valley as the "Four-foot," and in the Castleman valley as the "Honeycomb" seam.

Saltsburg sandstone (35).—A massive cross-bedded sandstone, about 30 feet in thickness, occurs above the Bakerstown coal, and is separated from it by a variable thickness of shale. This sandstone is evidently the Saltsburg sandstone of Professor Stevenson,³ so named from its occurrence at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

¹ The Physical Features of Garrett County. Md. Geol. Survey, 1902, p. 136.

² 2d Geol. Survey, Pa., KK, 1877, pp. 67, 68.

³ 2d Geol. Survey, Pa., KKK, 1878, p. 22.

Maynadier coal.—This seam which is locally known as the “slate vein,” is apparently confined to the Castleman basin and occurs at an interval of about 40 feet above the Bakerstown coal.

The strata immediately overlying the Bakerstown coal are well exposed in the Castleman valley in the railroad cut one mile south of the National Road. This section is part (Nos. 24 to 34) of the complete Conemaugh section given on page 253. The coal seam 40 feet above the Bakerstown and the limestones underlying it have not been recognized in Maryland outside of this basin,¹ but the coal at least appears to be very constant within the basin. The name Maynadier coal¹ has been given it from its development at the west end of Maynadier Ridge. Neither the coal nor the limestone can be correlated with any members of the Conemaugh hitherto described from other regions. In other basins this interval is generally concealed or only poorly exposed.

Friendsville coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 90 to 160 feet above the Bakerstown coal. The interval is about 100 feet in the Georges Creek basin, 160 feet in the Castleman basin, and 90 feet in the Lower Youghiogeny basin. This coal is a thin but very persistent and characteristic seam, which has been of the greatest service in correlation. This seam is the same as the one which has been called the “Crinoidal coal” in the Pennsylvania reports and the “Crinoidal coal” or “Coal 8b” in the Ohio reports. It is possible also that the “Platt coal” of the Somerset basin may be the same as the “Crinoidal.” The coal is well exposed and has been mined for local use at several places in the Castleman basin and in the Lower Youghiogeny basin near Friendsville, Garrett county, from which occurrence² it received its name,³ and also at many places in the northern end of the Georges Creek basin, where it attains the

¹ The Physical Features of Garrett County. Md. Geol. Survey, 1902, p. 136.

² The Physical Features of Garrett County, loc. cit., p. 136.

³ It should be noted that this is not the same as the Friendsville (Illinois) coal of Fuller and Ashley (Bull. 213, U. S. Geol. Survey, 1903, pp. 292, 239) and of Fuller and Clapp (U. S. Geol. Survey, folio 105, 1904, p. 8).

thickness of 28 inches, the greatest known in Maryland. One of these old mines near Mount Savage was visited by Lyell in 1842, who described the occurrence of coal, its position and thickness, and gave a list of fossils found in the overlying shales.¹

Ames or Crinoidal limestone (37).—The Friendsville coal is overlain by either a limestone or a calcareous shale full of marine fossils. This limestone occurs in a position exactly similar, with reference to the overlying and underlying strata, to that of the Crinoidal limestone of the Pennsylvania reports, and to the Ames limestone of the Ohio reports. The fauna, as far as known, is the same as that found in this bed in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In both of these states and in West Virginia the limestone is of very great persistence and has been of the greatest service in the correlation and location of the coals.

Elklick coal (38).—A very thin and variable coal, which apparently represents the Elklick coal of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, is found at about 35 feet above the Ames limestone.

Morgantown sandstone (39).—Immediately above the Elklick coal or its horizon, if the coal is absent, is a very massive and constant sandstone, frequently conglomeritic in part, which corresponds exactly in its stratigraphic relations with the Morgantown sandstone, so called from its typical development at Morgantown, West Virginia.

Lonaconing coal.—This coal is typically developed in the Georges Creek valley near the town of Lonaconing from which occurrence it is here given its name. The coal occurs a short distance above the top of the Morgantown sandstone and about 20 feet below the Franklin coal. Its average thickness is about 2 or 2½ feet. The coal has not been recognized outside of this region except in Fairfax Knob near the headwaters of the Potomac river where it is apparently represented by the seam 27 feet above the Elklick coal.²

Clarksburg limestone (40).—A short distance above the top of the

¹ Travels in North America, with Geological Observations on the United States, Canada, and Nova Scotia.

² W. Va. Geol. Survey, vol. ii, 1903, p. 235.

Morgantown sandstone is a limestone from 3 to 9 feet in thickness. This limestone has a rather characteristic appearance and contains abundant fossil fish and Ostracoda. Marine fossils are entirely absent. In its stratigraphic position, its lithologic characteristics, and the general nature of its fauna this limestone corresponds to the Clarksburg limestone, so called from its occurrence at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Franklin or Little Clarksburg coal (41).—A seam of coal which is identical with the Little Clarksburg coal of Dr. I. C. White is found immediately above the Clarksburg limestone. In the Georges Creek basin this coal is popularly called the "Dirty-nine-foot," and in the Report on the Geology of Allegany County it was named the Franklin coal from its occurrence near the town of Franklin.

Connellsville sandstone (42).—A short distance above the Franklin coal is a very prominent sandstone of considerable thickness. It is very strongly developed in the Georges Creek and Potomac basins, where it has a very marked influence on the topography. This sandstone is found in the stratigraphic position of the Connellsville sandstone of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Lower Pittsburg limestone (43).—Almost immediately above the Connellsville sandstone is a thin limestone containing no fossils except Ostracoda, as far as observed. It has all the characteristic features of and evidently is the Lower Pittsburg limestone.

Little Pittsburg coal (44).—Immediately above the last-named limestone and about 90 feet below the top of the formation is a seam of coal from 1 to 3 feet in thickness. Another thin coal frequently occurs 30 or 40 feet above this and 50 or 60 feet below the top of the formation. These are evidently the equivalents of the Little Pittsburg coals, of which there are frequently two, which usually occur in positions corresponding to these.

MONONGAHELA FORMATION.

Composition and relations.—The strata composing the Monongahela formation in Maryland consist of a series of shales, sandstones,

limestones, and coal seams. The thickness varies from 240 to 270 feet. The formation is entirely restricted in Maryland to the Georges Creek-Potomac basin. The name "Monongahela series" was proposed by H. D. Rogers in 1840¹ for the Upper Coal Measures as exposed in the valley of the Monongahela river. The name has had a varied usage since then, part of the time being employed

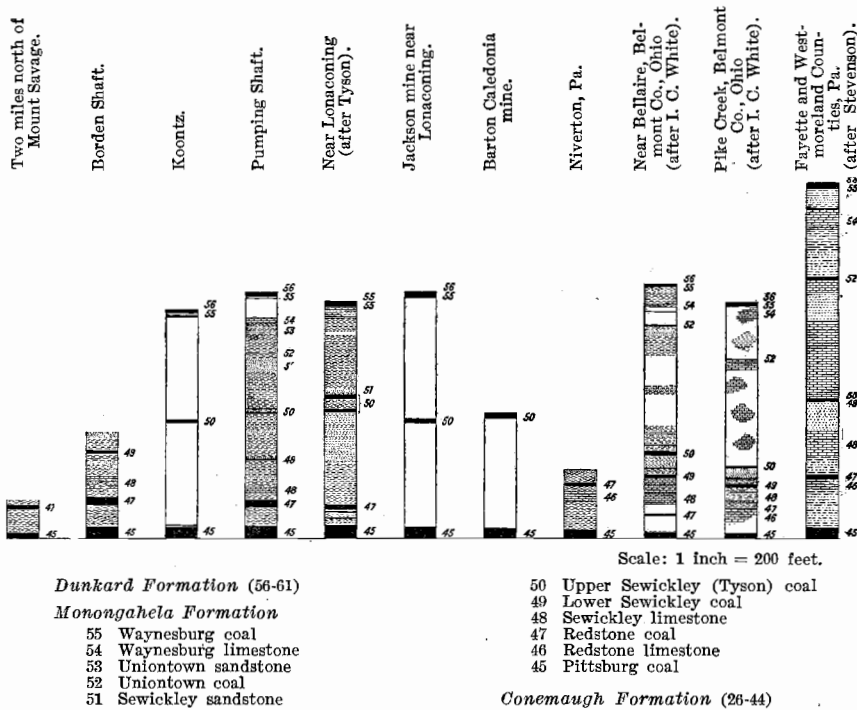


FIG. 24.—Columnar Sections of the Monongahela Formation.

in a broader sense to include the upper half of the Coal Measures. The U. S. Geological Survey in its Piedmont folio has employed the term Elk garden formation for all of the beds exposed in the Potomac basin above the base of the Pittsburg coal.

¹ Fourth Annual Report of the Geological Survey of the State of Pennsylvania, p. 150.

Pittsburg coal (45).—At the base of the Monongahela formation is the seam of coal known locally as the “Big vein” or “Fourteen-foot” coal. This seam in its stratigraphic relations to the overlying and underlying beds corresponds exactly to the Pittsburg coal. The fauna of the roof shales, as far as our present knowledge goes, is the same; and Dr. I. C. White¹ has pointed out the identity of structure within the bed.

The various elements composing the seam are constant and characteristic in number and relative position. The relative thickness of these individual elements varies from place to place. From the Pittsburg region toward the southeast there is a gradual increase in the thickness of the “breast” coal, which reaches a maximum in the southern end of the Georges Creek basin, where the entire bed has been found at a single locality to reach 22 feet in thickness. There is greater change within the limits of the Georges Creek basin than there is between the central part of the Georges Creek basin and the Pittsburg region. This change consists chiefly in an increase in the number and thickness of the shales at the expense of the “breast” coal. This seam was called the Pomeroy coal in the Ohio reports and the Elkgarden coal in the Piedmont folio of the U. S. Geological Survey and in the Report on the Geology of Allegany County. The name Pittsburg coal was applied to this seam by J. P. Lesley in 1856.

Redstone limestone (46).—A thin limestone is sometimes found a few feet above the Pittsburg coal. In this region it is commonly separated from it by argillaceous shales. It occurs in the position of the Redstone limestone of Pennsylvania.

Redstone coal (47).—At an interval of from 18 to 45 feet above the Pittsburg coal is a seam of coal which corresponds in position to the Redstone coal of Pennsylvania. It is apparently very constant in the Georges Creek basin, although it has not been prospected for, and has accordingly not been opened at many points. The thickness is about 4 feet.

¹ The Pittsburg Coal Bed, Amer. Geol., vol. xxi, pp. 49-60.

Sewickley limestone (48).—A bed of limestone occurs about 10 feet above the Redstone coal. It is in the stratigraphic position of the Sewickley limestone of Pennsylvania.

Lower Sewickley coal (49).—At an interval of from 25 to 30 feet above the Sewickley limestone, and from 40 to 45 feet above the Redstone coal, is a thin seam of coal which has been seen in the Borden shaft and the Pumping shaft and other places in the Georges Creek basin. This seam occurs at the horizon of the Sewickley coal. As there is another seam above this, however, which still falls within the limits of the Sewickley, and as the Sewickley coal, in being traced westward from its type locality by the Pennsylvania geologists, has been found to split into two seams, it is considered probable that the same has taken place to the eastward. This seam is therefore referred to the Lower Sewickley.

Upper Sewickley or Tyson coal (50).—A seam of coal of great persistence and considerable economic importance is found at an interval of about 45 feet above the Lower Sewickley, and from 105 to 120 feet above the Pittsburg coal. This seam has long been known in the Georges Creek region as the Tyson or "Gas" coal. As is stated above, this seam falls within the position of the Sewickley coal, and probably corresponds to the upper split of the Sewickley in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

Sewickley sandstone (51).—Separated from the underlying Upper Sewickley coal by a variable thickness of shale is a sandstone whose greatest observed thickness in Maryland is about 15 feet. Dr. I. C. White, in Bulletin No. 65 of the United States Geological Survey, calls attention to the fact that either a limestone or a sandstone, one only, however, to the exclusion of the other, occurs in the interval between the Sewickley and the Uniontown coals. Where sandstone occurs in this interval it is called the Sewickley sandstone. The limestone, on the other hand, has been differentiated into the Uniontown and Benwood or "Great" limestones. Throughout Maryland the limestone is apparently entirely absent. This occurrence therefore confirms the generalization which Doctor White based on his obser-

vations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, namely, that either the limestone or the sandstone, but never both, are found in the interval between the Sewickley and Uniontown coals.

Uniontown coal (52).—A thin coal is found in the Pumping shaft section near Frostburg, about 60 feet above the Upper Sewickley coal and close to the top of the Sewickley sandstone. It corresponds in position and character to the Uniontown coal of Pennsylvania.

Uniontown sandstone (53).—A short distance above the Uniontown coal, in the Pumping shaft section, there is a thin sandstone which is probably a poor representation of the Uniontown sandstone.

Waynesburg limestone (54).—A limestone occurs a short distance above the Uniontown sandstone and from 20 to 30 feet below the top of the formation which corresponds in its stratigraphic position to the Waynesburg limestone of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Waynesburg coal (55).—There is a very persistent coal seam, of considerable economic importance, that may occur anywhere in the interval up to 20 feet above the top of the Waynesburg limestone. From its position, 230 to 250 feet above the base of the Monongahela formation, and in its regular stratigraphic sequence, it is regarded as the Waynesburg coal. In the Report on the Geology of Allegany County it was named the Koontz coal, from its occurrence at the mining village of that name near Lonaconing. The identity of this seam with the Waynesburg seam now appears so certain that the name Koontz will be considered as a synonym. The roof of this coal is the top of the Monongahela formation.

DUNKARD FORMATION.

Composition and relations.—The strata here referred to the Dunkard formation have an extreme thickness of 390 feet in Maryland. It is evident that the entire formation is not represented. The present area of the Dunkard deposits in Maryland is restricted to a few small tracts in the central part of the Georges Creek basin. The surface has so little relief that there are few good exposures, and it is

almost impossible to obtain a detailed section. In consequence the stratigraphic sequence is very imperfectly known.

The Dunkard formation was named by Dr. I. C. White in 1891¹ from Dunkard creek, in southwestern Pennsylvania. The rocks of this formation had previously been known as the "Upper Barren Coal Measures" or "Upper Barren Measures," and they were di-

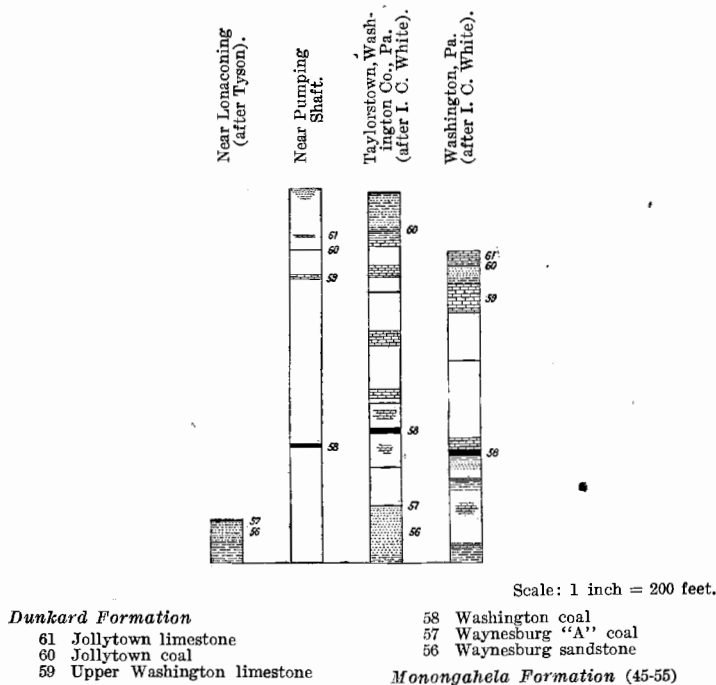


FIG. 25.—Columnar Sections of the Dunkard Formation.

vided into the "Green county group" and the "Washington county group." As will be noted below, the strata in Maryland belong almost exclusively to the latter division, which has been referred to as the Frostburg formation.²

¹Stratigraphy of the Bituminous Coal Fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Bull. No. 65, U. S. Geological Survey, p. 20.

²Md. Geol. Survey, vol. i, 1897, p. 188.

Waynesburg sandstone (56).—A sandstone of no very great prominence occurs a short distance above the Waynesburg coal. It probably represents the Waynesburg sandstone, since its stratigraphic position is the same.

Waynesburg "A" coal (57).—A thin coal which corresponds in position to the Waynesburg "A" coal of Pennsylvania and West Virginia is found on top of the Waynesburg sandstone, and about 45 feet above the Waynesburg coal.

Washington coal (58).—About 75 feet above the Waynesburg "A" coal, and separated from it by an interval consisting in Maryland apparently of shales and limestones, is a seam of coal whose character is not well known. The thickness of this coal is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet and its quality is not known. This coal corresponds in position to the Washington coal of Pennsylvania.

Upper Washington limestone (59).—A bed of limestone approximately 4 feet in thickness occurs about 170 feet above the Washington coal, and is separated from it by an interval of unknown rocks, apparently shale with some limestone. It is in about the position of the Upper Washington limestone of Pennsylvania.

This stratum is important, inasmuch as its top is the dividing plane between the two divisions of the Upper Barren Measures or Dunkard formation. Almost all of the Dunkard in Maryland falls in the lower division or Washington county group of Stevenson, while the upper or Green county group of Rogers is represented in Maryland by only the 65 to 90 feet of strata overlying this, and which cover an area of only a few acres.

Jollytown coal (60).—A thin seam of coal is found about 25 feet above the outcrop of the Upper Washington limestone. It is apparently in the stratigraphic position of the Jollytown coal of Green county, Pennsylvania.

Jollytown limestone (61).—A limestone of apparently no very great thickness is found about 15 feet above the Jollytown coal. It is in the position of the Jollytown limestone of Pennsylvania.

Above this limestone there are no good exposures, and not more

than 50 feet of strata are preserved in Maryland. The highest bed is a sandstone which caps the hill east of Borden shaft.

CONCLUSIONS.

The detailed comparisons given in the preceding pages show that the various members of the Coal Measures of Maryland closely resemble those found in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. They clearly demonstrate the fact, if any such demonstration is necessary, that the various beds of the Coal Measures have a wide geographical extent, and that the individual coal beds possess certain marked physical characteristics that can be readily distinguished over wide areas. The similarity of sequence of the various members of the coal series is so striking and the faunal and floral characteristics so marked that the determination of the horizons of the several coal seams can be made with remarkable accuracy. In the lower formations of the Coal Measures it has been possible to establish this identity with the Pennsylvania and West Virginia deposits on the basis of actual continuity of the beds, although this is not possible in the higher members of the series. The sequence of deposits and faunal and floral characteristics are such, however, that very little doubt can exist regarding their equivalency.

DISTRIBUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE MARYLAND COAL BEDS

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GENERAL RELATIONS.

The coal deposits of Maryland are confined to synclines or, as they are called when they contain coal seams, "*coal basins*." There are five of these coal basins in the State. The *Georges Creek basin* lies along the eastern margin of the district between Wills and Savage mountains partly in Allegany and partly in Garrett counties. The *Upper Potomac basin* lies in the southern and southeastern parts of Garrett county, to the east and south of Backbone Mountain. The Potomac river flows near the axis of this basin, so only half of it is within Maryland. This basin is structurally the continuation of the Georges Creek basin. The *Castleman basin* lies in the north-central part of Garrett county, between Meadow and Negro mountains. It is the continuation of the Salisbury basin of Pennsylvania. The *Upper Youghiogheny basin* lies in the west-central part of Garrett county, between Snaggy Mountain and a ridge which is the continuation of Meadow Mountain, parts of which are here called Roman Nose and Halls Hill. The *Lower Youghiogheny basin* lies in the northwest part of Garrett county, to the west of Winding Ridge and to the north of Dog Ridge. It is the continuation of the Confluence basin of Pennsylvania.

A small amount of very impure anthracite coal occurs far to the east of the coal basins, above mentioned, in eastern Allegany county, the best exposures being found in Sidling Hill Mountain where this coal at times reaches several feet in thickness. It is so irregular in thickness and so heavily charged with ash as to have no commercial value. This coal occurs at an horizon older than the Coal Measures

and is confined to the Pocono formation at the base of the Lower Carboniferous. The various prospect openings which have been made in it give no indication of successful development and it will not be further discussed in this report.

Dark carbonaceous shales of Devonian and Silurian age in Washington and Frederick counties have been prospected at various times and much local excitement has arisen over the prospect of the dis-

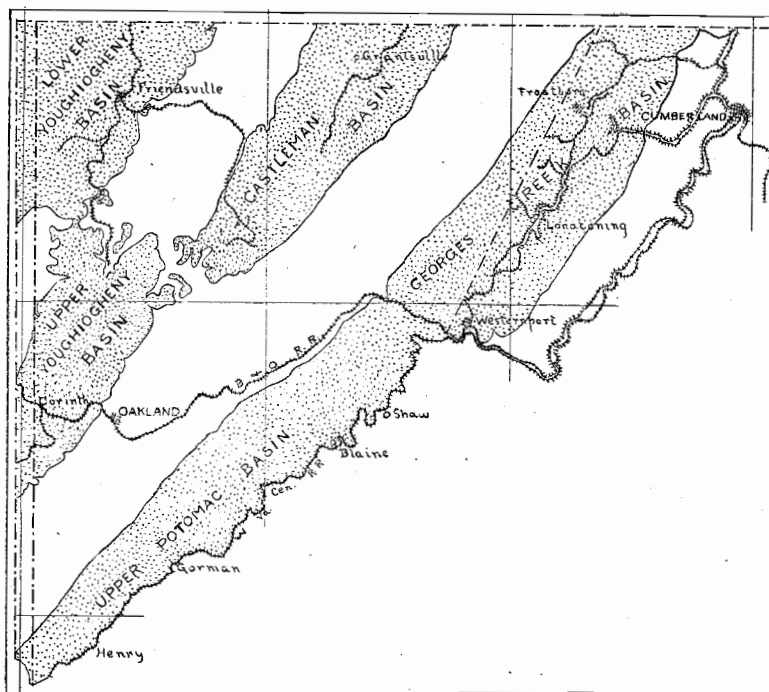


FIG. 26.—Map showing location of Coal Basins in Maryland.

covery of anthracite coal. These black shales, however, contain but a small percentage of carbonaceous matter and search for coal at this horizon cannot but be fruitless. No coal of commercial value has ever been found in rocks of this character.

Occasionally thin seams of coal or lignitic vegetable remains are found in the gray and red sandstones of Triassic age in Carroll, Frederick, and Montgomery counties. There is no probability that these beds will ever yield coal deposits of commercial importance, and hence the few plant beds known in these deposits will not be considered in the present report.

The coal seams which are represented in Maryland are given in their relative positions in the following table. The figures given represent the average thickness of the seam from roof to floor, including coal, bone, slate, etc.

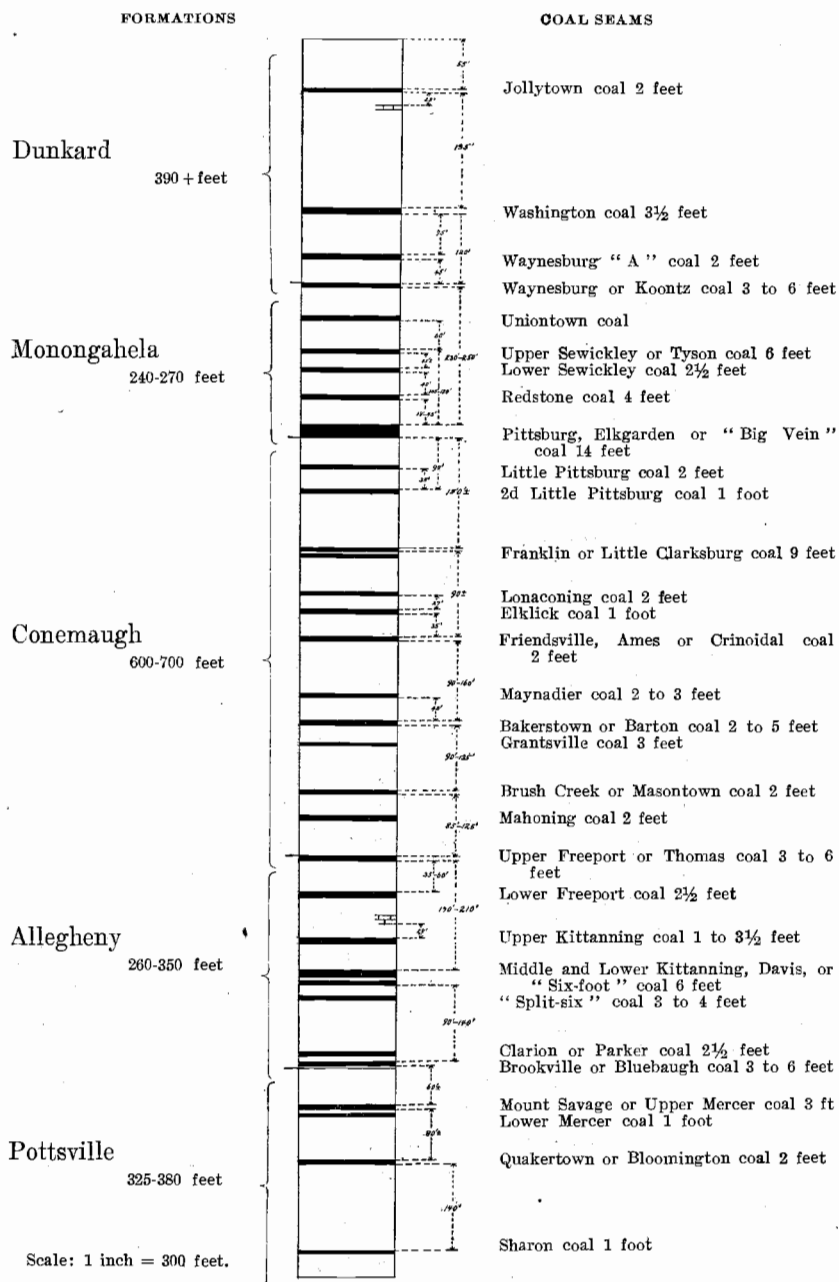


FIG. 27.—Generalized section showing relative position of Coal Seams.

TABLE SHOWING THE CORRELATION OF THE COAL SEAMS.

Local Usage.										
Name adopted.	Georges Creek Basin.	Potomac Basin.	Castleman Basin.	Upper Youghiogheny Basin.	Lower Youghiogheny Basin.	Garrett Report (Martin), 1902. Md. Geol. Survey.	Allegheny Report (O'Hara), 1900. Md. Geol. Survey	Piedmont Folio (Darton and Taft), 1906. U. S. Geol. Survey.	Pennsylvania Survey.	Misc.
Jollytown.....	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Jollytown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Washington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesburg "A".....	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Waynesburg "A".....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesburg.....	Waynesburg.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Waynesburg.....	Koontz or Waynesburg.	.....	Waynesburg.....	.....
Uniontown.....	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Uniontown.....	Not recognized.	.....	Uniontown.....	Meigs Creek ²
Upper Sewickley.....	Tyson or Gas.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Upper Sewickley.....	Tyson or Sewickley Gas.....	.....	Upper Sewickley.....	.....
Lower Sewickley.....	No local name.	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Absent.....	Lower Sewickley.....	Not named.	.....	Lower Sewickley.....	.....
Redstone.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Redstone.....	Redstone or Elkgarden or Pittsburg.	.....	Redstone.....	Pomeroy ³
Pittsburg.....	Big Vein or Fourteen-foot.	Big Vein or Fourteen-foot.	Nine-foot or Pittsburg.	Absent.....	Absent.....	Pittsburg.....	Pittsburg.	.....	Pittsburg.....	.....
Little Pittsburg.....	Michael's.	No local name.	No local name.	Absent.....	No local name.	Little Pittsburg.....	Not named.	.....	Little Pittsburg.....	.....
Franklin.....	Dirty nine-foot.	Dirty nine-foot.	No local name.	Absent.....	No local name.	Franklin.....	Franklin or Little Clarksburg.	.....	Not named.....	Little Clarksburg ⁴
Lonaconing.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Absent.....	No local name.	Elklick.....	Not recognized.	.....	Elklick or Barton.	.....
Elklick.....	No local name.	Twenty-two inch.	Fossil.	Absent.....	No local name.	Friendsville.....	Not recognized.	.....	Crinoidal or Platt?	.....
Friendsville.....	No local name.	Not seen.	Slate Seam.	Absent.....	Not seen.	Maynadier.....	Not recognized.	.....	Equivalent not known.	.....
Maynadier.....	Not seen.	Not seen.	Honeycomb.....	No local name.	No local name.	Bakerstown.....	Barton or Bakers-town.	.....	Bakerstown.....	Hager ⁵
Bakerstown.....	Four-foot or Three-foot.	Four-foot or Three-foot.	Not seen.	Not seen.	Not seen.	Grantsville.....	Not recognized.	.....	Probably Coleman or Philson	.....
Grantsville.....	Not seen.	Not seen.	Beachey.....	Not seen.	Not seen.	Mason town.....	Not recognized.	.....	Mason town.....	Farming-ton ⁶
Brush Creek.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Not seen.	No local name.	Mahoning.....	Not recognized.	.....	Mahoning.....	.....
Mahoning.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Upper Freeport.....	Thomas or Upper Freeport.	.....	Upper Freeport or Seam E.	.....
Upper Freeport.....	Rock Vein, Three-foot or Four-foot.	Three-foot or Four-foot.	No local name.	Sandrock Seam.	Sandrock Seam or Four-foot.	Lower Freeport.....	Not named.	.....	Lower Freeport or Seam D.	.....
Lower Freeport.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Not seen.	Upper Kittanning.....	Not named.	.....	Upper Kittanning or Seam C.	.....
Upper Kittanning.....	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Not seen.	Middle and Lower Kittanning.....	Davis or Lower and Middle Kittanning.	.....	Middle and Lower Kittanning or Seams C and B.	.....
Middle and Lower Kittanning.....	Six-foot.	Six-foot or Five-foot.	Bender.....	Corinth or Four-foot.	White Rock or Four-foot.	"Split-six".....	"Split six".....	.....	Equivalent not known.	.....
"Split-six".....	"Split-six".....	No local name.	Not seen.	No local name.	No local name.	Clarion.....	Parker or Clarion.	.....	Clarion or Seam A.	.....
Clarion.....	Railroad Seam.	Railroad Seam (in part).	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Brookville.....	Bluebaugh or Brookville.	.....	Brookville or Seam A.	.....
Brookville.....	Bluebaugh.....	Bluebaugh.....	No local name.	Not seen.	Not seen.	Mount Savage.....	Westernport or Mount Savage.	.....	Upper Mercer or Mount Savage.	.....
Mount Savage.....	Mount Savage Railroad Seam (in part).	Railroad Seam (in part).	No local name.	No local name.	No local name.	Quakertown.....	Bloomington (in part).	.....	Quakertown.	.....
Quakertown.....	No local name.	No local name.	Not seen.	No local name.	Not seen.	Sharon.....	Not recognized.	.....	Sharon.....	.....
Sharon.....	No local name.	No local name.	Not seen.	No local name.	Not seen.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

1 Possibly "Scrubgrass" of Pa. reports.
2 "Meigs Creek," Ohio Geol. Survey, vol. vii, p. 298.
3 "Pomeroy," Ohio Geol. Survey, vol. vii, p. 297.

4 "Little Clarksburg," U. S. G. S. Bull. No. 65, p. 88.
5 "Hager," U. S. G. S. Folio No. 82, 1902.
6 "Farmington," U. S. G. S. Folio No. 82, 1902.

NOTE.—The coal seams, like the geological formations, are named from the localities where they are typically developed. It is an accepted rule that a seam must ultimately be called by the oldest geographical name applied to it in print. Before the coal seams of Maryland were definitely known to be the continuation of the seams which had been described and named in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and Ohio, local names were applied to them in the publications of this and other organizations. These were intended at the time only as provisional names, which would be abandoned if found to be synonymous with older names, or permanently retained for such seams as had not hitherto been named. Most of the seams in Garrett County have proved to be identical with seams which had been previously named in other regions, so the temporary, local names for them have been abandoned and the older names used. The grounds for this correlation are given in an article by Clark and Martin in the Bulletin of the Geological Society of America for 1902. Most of the seams have also been popularly known by several names which are not geographical and have not been used in print. There is usually a distinct name for each region where the seam is mined. The relation of all the local names used in Maryland to the accepted names used in other regions and to those here adopted is shown in the table above.

THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Georges Creek basin is a deep, broad syncline containing the most complete sequence of the Coal Measures in Maryland. It lies between the Dans-Little Allegheny mountain belt on the east and Big Savage Mountain on the west and extends across the State from the Maryland-Pennsylvania line southwest to the Potomac river. Its length is approximately 20 miles and its average breadth is about 5 miles. The northern end of the district lies in Allegany county but southward the Allegany-Garrett county line gradually encroaches upon the basin until at the Potomac river the boundary line lies less than a mile west of the central axis of the syncline. The prominent transverse ridge on which Frostburg stands connects the highest slopes of Dans and Big Savage mountains, dividing the valley into two unequal parts and thus determining two districts and unequal areas of drainage. The smaller area lying to the north of Franklin is drained by Jennings Run and Braddocks Run while the southern portion which includes about three-quarters of the entire coal basin is drained by Georges Creek.

The various formations of the Coal Measures in the Georges Creek

basin have been extensively eroded by the various streams, the upper formations naturally having suffered much more extensively than the lower. This has resulted, in the case of the former, in producing numerous isolated areas that project above the general valley levels. In this way outcrops of the higher coal seams occur not only along the side of the syncline but also in the main stream valleys and as the streams descend from higher to lower levels these outcrops continually rise higher and higher above the stream beds, necessitating the use of steep gravity planes in the southern part of the basin in order to transfer the coal from the mine opening on the hillsides to the railroads in the valleys below. Only in the extreme southern and northern portions of the basin have the lower formations been seriously affected by valley-cutting.

The Pittsburg seam, or "Big Vein," from its position in the upper part of the Coal Measures, at the base of the Monongahela formation, has suffered greatly from the extensive erosion of the valley and, except in the central part of the basin where it covers a large continuous tract, is only found in rounded areas well above the main valleys. On that account the greater portion of the "Big Vein" coal is found in Allegany county. The Conemaugh and Allegheny coals which underlie the Pittsburg coal are so overshadowed in importance by it that much less is known regarding them. Within the last few years, however, considerable prospecting has been undertaken with the object of discovering fully the amount and character of these deposits. A number of mines have been successfully opened in these lower beds as well as in some of the seams above the "Big Vein" although these upper beds have smaller and smaller areas in ascending the series of formations. The Conemaugh and Allegheny coals, however, cover much greater areas than the "Big Vein" and when the latter is exhausted the Bakerstown, Upper Freeport, and Lower Kittanning seams will unquestionably supply an important industry.

The character of the country is such that the Monongahela and Conemaugh coals can, for the most part, be worked by drifting and the same is true of the Allegheny coals in the southern end of the

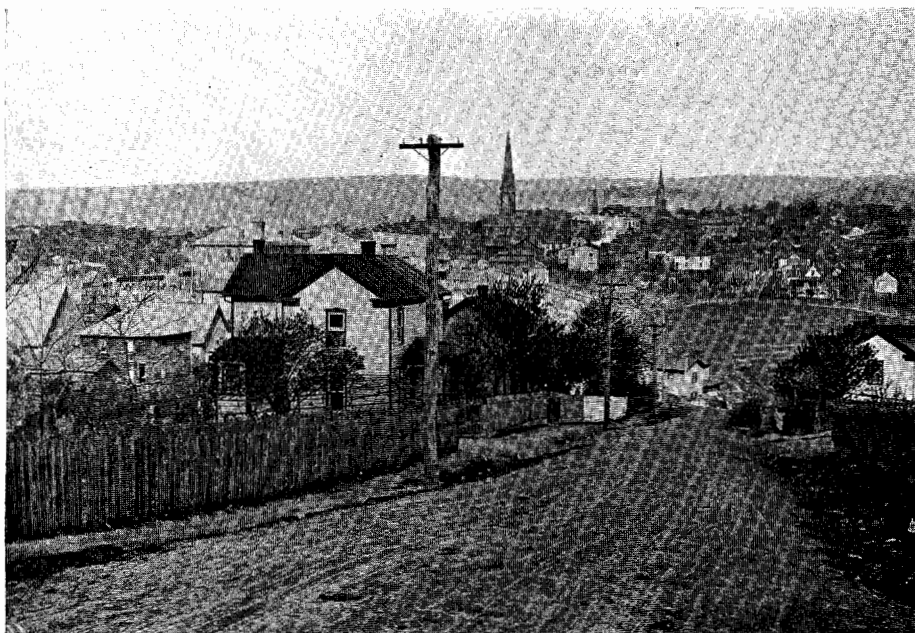


FIG. 1.—FROSTBURG.



FIG. 2.—LONACONING.

VIEWS OF MARYLAND MINING TOWNS.

Georges Creek valley, as well as on many of its lower tributaries, and also along the channel of the Savage river. In the region north of Barton, however, they have been mined only by shafts near the center of the basin or by slopes from the western outcrop.

THE POTTSVILLE COALS OF THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Pottsville coal seams are of far less importance in Maryland than farther south in Virginia and West Virginia where they include the important Pocohontas and New River coals. These coals have been but little developed anywhere in Maryland although three seams are known to occur in the Georges Creek basin. These coals are thin and under present conditions have little or no commercial value.

Sharon coal.—This seam has the largest areal extent of any of the Georges Creek coal. It occurs only a few feet above the base of the formation and is very persistent in its position. It is divided into two beds by several feet of shale and shaly limestone, these beds being referred to in the following sections as the Lower Sharon coal and the Upper Sharon coal. The seams where exposed are too thin and poor to have any commercial value and it is probable they will not be found to be workable at any point in the Georges Creek valley.

Sections of Lower Sharon Coal.


NORTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER ON COUNTY ROAD ABOVE W. VA. C. R. R., ABOUT ONE MILE BELOW WESTERNPORT.

Coal



1 ft. 3 in.¹

OUTCROP ON B. & O. R. R. AT SIXTH TELEGRAPH POLE BELOW PIEDMONT GROCERY Co., PIEDMONT, W. VA.

Coal		2 in.
Sulphur		1/8 in.
Coal		2 1/2 in.
Sulphur		1/8 in.
Coal		1/2 in.
Sulphur		1/2 in.
Coal		2 in.
Sulphur		1/4 in.
Coal		4 in.




¹The sections of each coal seam are considered geographically from north to south in each basin. The drawings are on the scale of 1 inch = 2 feet.

Sections of Upper Sharon Coal.

COUNTY ROAD, NEAR, W. VA. C. R. R., ONE MILE BELOW WESTERNPORT.

Coal		2 in.
Sulphur		$\frac{1}{8}$ in.
Coal		3 in.
Sulphur		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		2 in.

OUTCROP ON B. & O. R. R., AT SECOND TELEGRAPH POLE BELOW PIEDMONT GROCERY CO., PIEDMONT, W. VA.

Coal		4 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 10 in.

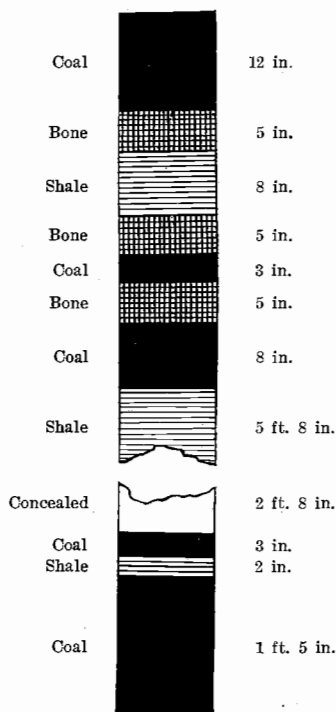
Quakertown coal.—The Quakertown coal occurs at about 140 feet above the Sharon coal. It has only been found in the lower part of the Georges Creek basin in the valley of the North Branch of the Potomac river where it outcrops a short distance below Westernport. This seam includes in part what has been locally called the Railroad seam, this latter coal being properly referred to several different coal beds, chiefly the Mount Savage and Clarion seams which will be later described. The Bloomington coal of the Allegany county report is also in part synonymous with the Quakertown coal. The Quakertown coal in the lower Georges Creek valley is very thin and will not probably be found to have any commercial value.

Mount Savage or Upper Mercer coal.—This seam occurs from 120 to 150 feet above the Quakertown and from 25 to 75 feet below the top of the Pottsville formation. This seam varies so much both in thickness and quality within short distances that it is doubtful whether it can ever be profitably mined except possibly in connection with the fire-clay which is usually associated with it. The Mount Savage coal commonly contains 2 to 3 feet of coal but generally has a thick parting of shale near the middle of the seam. Although the quality is very variable and the lower bench often carries more or

less sulphur yet it is the most promising of the Pottsville coals. It has sometimes been referred to as the "Two-foot vein" in the Georges Creek valley. It is referred to under the name of the Westernport coal in the Allegany County Report. This coal contains

Section of Quakertown Coal.

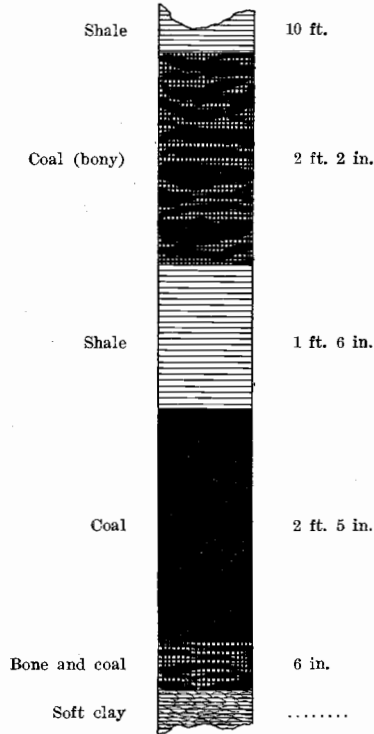
SMALL SHAFT NEAR OLD PHOENIX PLANE, ONE-HALF MILE BELOW WESTERNPORT.



part of what is called locally the "Railroad" seam and is evidently the equivalent of the Upper Mercer coal of Pennsylvania. The Lower Mercer coal is very poorly developed in Maryland, being apparently represented by a thin seam a few feet above the Upper Connoquenessing sandstone. At times it is apparently absent altogether and from its insignificant development is not further discussed in this chapter. The Lower and Upper Mercer coals are separated by the well-known Mount Savage fire-clay.

Sections of Mount Savage Coal.

UNION MINING COMPANY'S NEW TUNNEL, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.



THE ALLEGHENY COALS OF THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Allegheny coals are of far greater importance than the Pottsville coals. They embrace a number of seams all of which, at least locally, may be considered to have an economic value while two of them will probably be found with further development to occur in commercial quantities throughout much of the Georges Creek basin although too deep in the central and northern part of the area for profitable development at the present time. The Allegheny coals have been very successfully mined in certain areas in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and some attempt has been already made to de-



FIG. 1.—CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, OCEAN NO. 1.

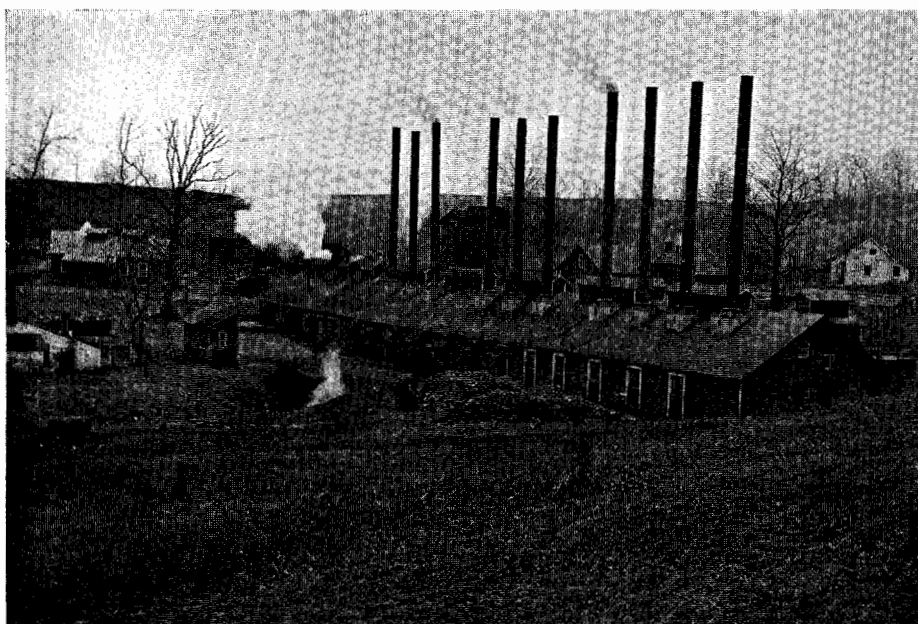
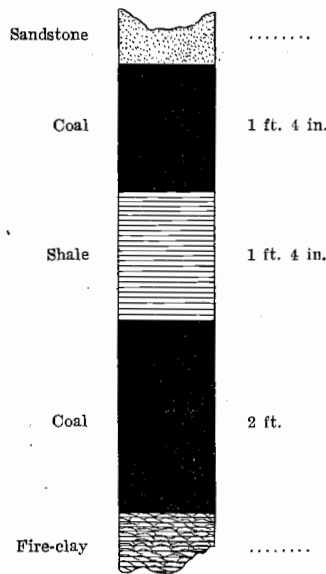


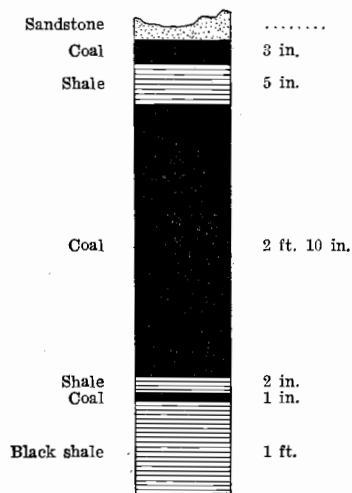
FIG. 2.—CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, PUMPING SHAFT.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

FIRE-CLAY MINE OF SAVAGE MOUNTAIN FIRE BRICK WORKS, ONE AND ONE-HALF
MILES NORTHWEST OF FROSTBURG.



CUT ON B. & O. R. R., OPPOSITE LUKE.

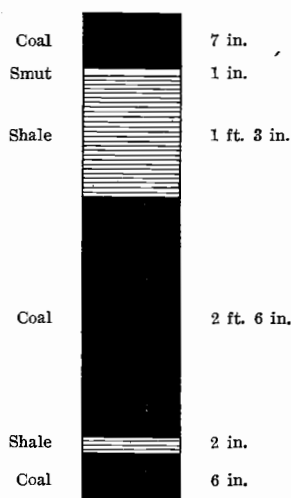


velop them in Maryland, especially in the lower portion of the Georges Creek valley. The Allegheny coals have a very much larger areal extent than the later seams and will unquestionably in the future afford the larger part of the Maryland coal output after the exhaustion of the "Big Vein." These Allegheny coals in the Georges Creek basin are not as thick as in the upper part of the Potomac basin, in southwestern Garrett county, nor are they as readily accessible on account of the thicker cover of later formations over much of the region.

Brookville (Bluebaugh) coal.—The Brookville seam is found very near the base of the Allegheny formation. It is very variable in

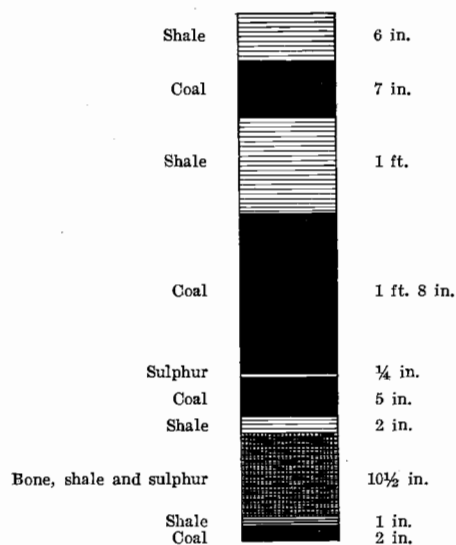
Sections of Brookville Coal.

SHAFT ON TRAMWAY, NEAR BARRELVILLE.

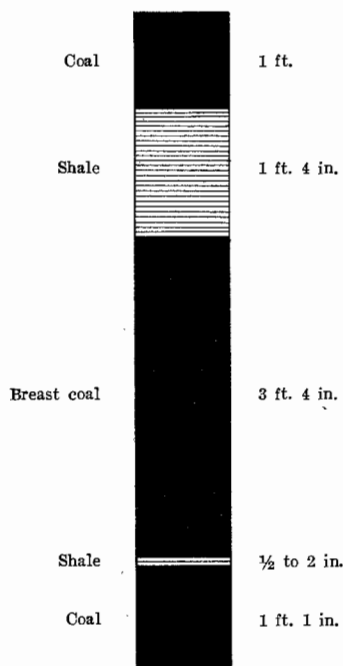


thickness, being best developed around the northern rim of the Georges Creek basin. It generally contains bands of shale and some bone coal. Throughout much of the northeastern portion of the Georges Creek valley it will probably be found to have important economic value. It is not yet known how far it extends beneath the



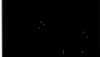


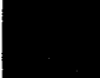
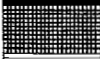

ABANDONED OPENING OF FAIRWEATHER AND LADUE, MILLSTONE HOLLOW, ONE-HALF
MILE SOUTH OF BARRELLVILLE.



WINTER OPENING ON PINEY MOUNTAIN, TWO MILES EAST OF ECKHART MINES.



MONTELL TUNNEL, NEAR LOARVILLE.

Coal		9 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		9 in.
Bone Coal		2 in. 1 in.
Shale		10 in.
Coal		11 in.
Bone Shale		6 in. 2 in.
Coal		2 ft.

WEST BANK OF WARRIOR RUN, ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF LOARVILLE.

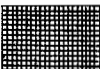





Bone and shale		8 in.
Coal		1 ft. 1 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 6 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		2 ft.



FIG. 1.—CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, OCEAN NO. 3.



FIG. 2.—CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, OCEAN NO. 7.

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upper coal toward the central part of the basin. This seam has been locally known in the Georges Creek basin by the name of the Bluebaugh coal.

LOWEST SEAM UPON EAST SIDE OF DAns MOUNTAIN, OPPOSITE "BLUEBAUGH"
SEAM OPENING, ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF LOARVILLE.

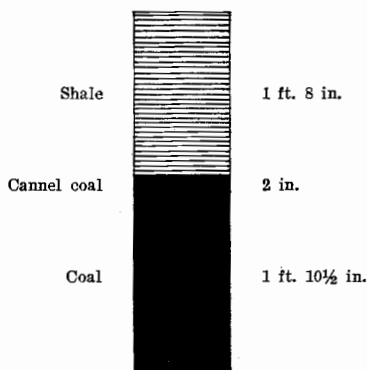
Coal		2½ in.
Shale		½ in.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		3½ in.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		1½ in.
Shale		2 ft. 4 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 4 in.
Shale		2½ in.
Coal		11 in.

Clarion (Parker) coal.—The Clarion coal is found at from 12 to 30 feet above the Brookville coal and like the latter seam is found mainly developed in the northern part of the Georges Creek basin. It is variable in thickness but commonly contains about two feet of coal, but may thicken locally to four feet or more when it is generally broken up by shale partings. The Clarion seam has been often confused with the Mount Savage but can be readily distinguished from the latter by being associated with iron ore rather than with fire-clay even when its stratigraphic position is not clear. The Clarion coal

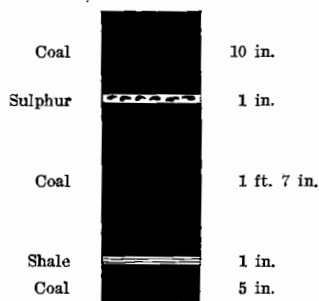
represents a part of what has been hitherto known as the "Railroad" seam. In the northern Georges Creek basin it has also been locally known under the name of the Parker seam.

Sections of Clarion Coal.

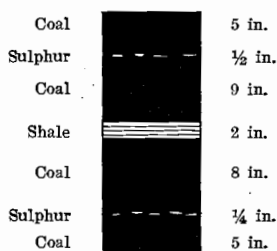
CUMBERLAND BASIN COAL COMPANY, ONE-HALF MILE NORTHEAST OF BARRELLVILLE.



J. O. J. GREENE'S FIRE-COAL MINE, NEAR WESTERNPORT.



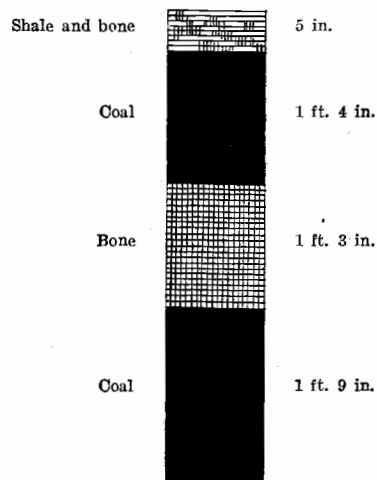
DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, W. VA. C. R. R.; ONE-FOURTH MILE BELOW WESTERNPORT.



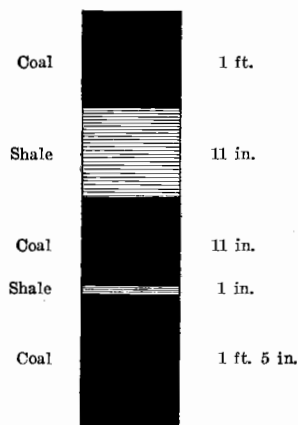
"Split-six" coal.—A very variable and impure coal which has locally been referred to as the "Split-six" coal occurs about 30 to 46

Sections of "Split-six" Coal.

FIRE-COAL OPENING UNDER OLD GORMAN TIPPLE, FRANKLIN.



PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF FRANKLIN.



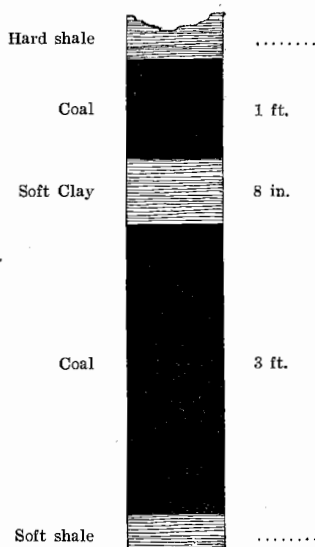
feet below the Lower Kittanning seam and about 30 feet above the Clarion coal. It is best developed in the lower part of the Georges

Creek basin but it is everywhere too impure to mine. It does not appear to have any named equivalent in other areas.

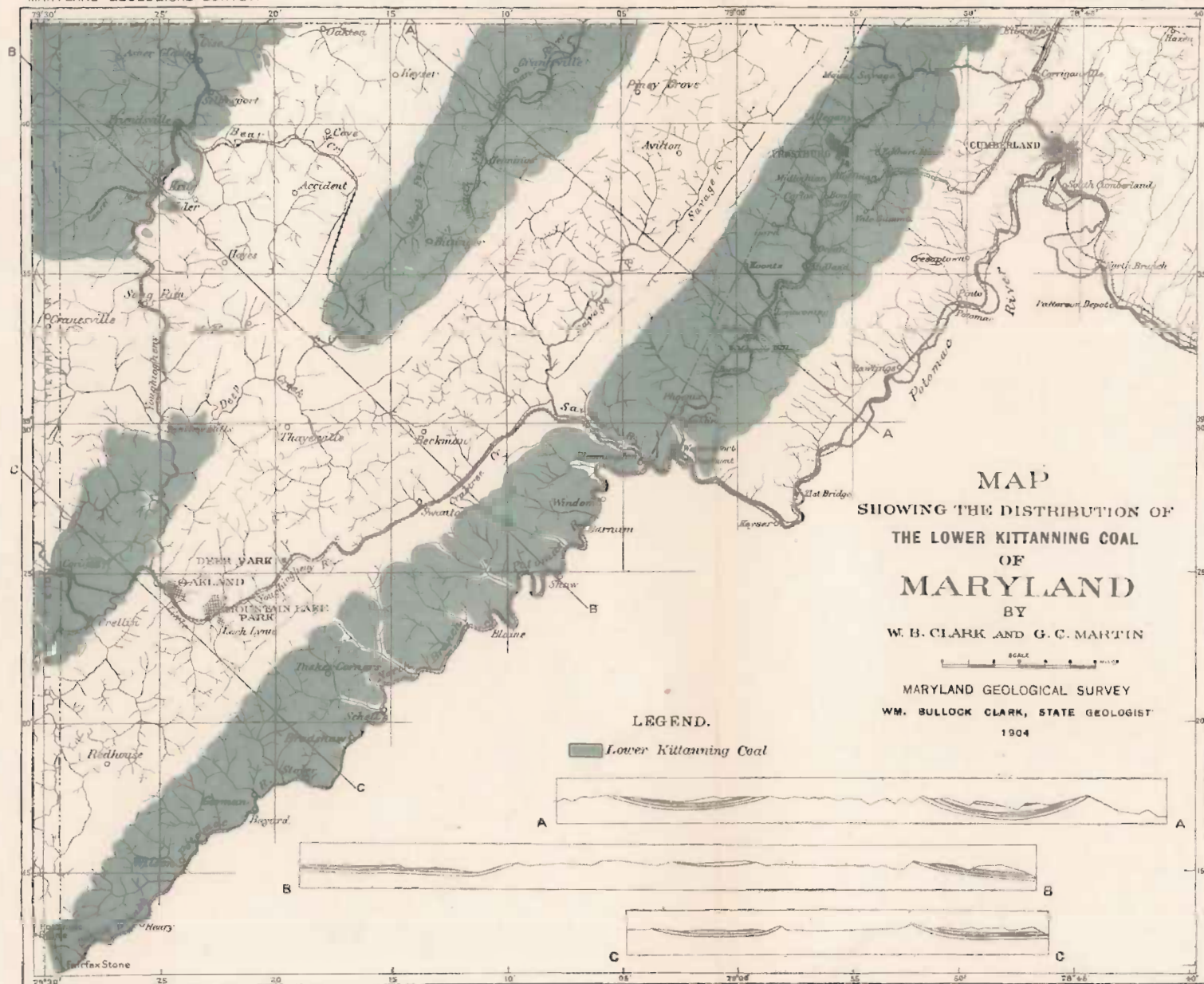
Lower (and Middle) Kittanning (Davis or "Six-foot") coal.—This coal forms one of the most persistent seams in the State and has

Sections of Lower Kittanning Coal.

COAL PROSPECT NORTHEAST OF SAVAGE MOUNTAIN FIRE-CLAY MINE, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF FROSTBURG.

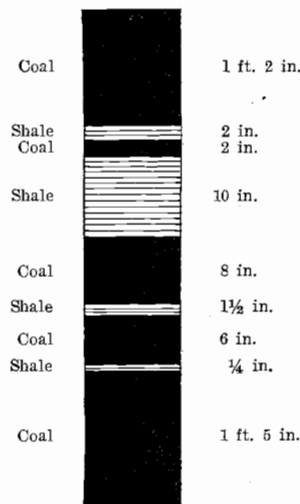


been mined to some extent in the lower Georges Creek valley where it is locally known under the name of the "Six-foot" coal. Over wide areas this coal is separated into two parts by a thin band of shale which may at times increase to several feet in thickness, separating the coal into two different seams. It seems probable that the "Six-foot" coal must, therefore, be regarded as the equivalent both of the Lower and Middle Kittanning of Pennsylvania. This seam occurs from 90 to 150 feet above the base of the formation and from 170 to 210 feet below the top. This seam covers a far greater area than any of the later coals and also maintains its thickness and



character over wide areas. It is probably the most valuable coal next to the "Big Vein." At times the shale and bone partings thicken, increasing the expense of working to such an extent that the coal sometimes locally has little commercial value. At times the coal has been squeezed, producing what miners have called "faults" although they are not true faults in the sense in which the name is generally used since the shale partings within the same are never cut off by the

OPENING THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM CAR LINE IN GAP, ONE MILE EAST OF CLARYSVILLE.

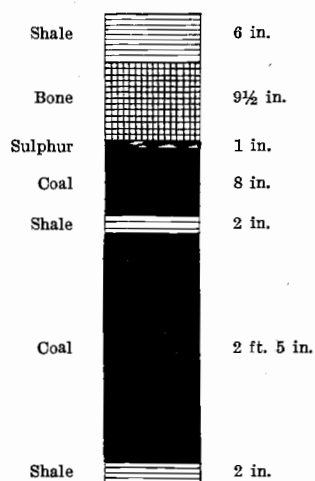


movement although the coal on one or both sides of the middle shale may be squeezed out entirely. This seam has suffered far more extensively in this respect than any of the succeeding coals. The effect of this "faulting" has been to interfere seriously with mining operations although persistence in the development has shown that the coal again reappears along the bedding and may offer a wide area without further disturbance. It is probable that this coal will be extensively mined in the near future. The "Six-foot" seam is the same as the Davis seam of the upper Potomac valley.

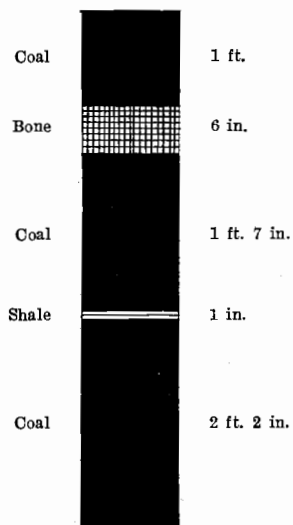
Coal		3½ in.
Shale		1 ft. 3½ in.
Coal		1 ft. 3½ in.
Shale		3½ in.
Coal		2½ in.
Shale		1 ft.
Coal		9½ in.
Shale		2 ft.

Coal	11 in.
Shale	2 in.
Coal	11 in.
Shale	10 in.
Coal	1 ft. 6 in.
Shale	1 in.
Coal	1 ft. 5 in.

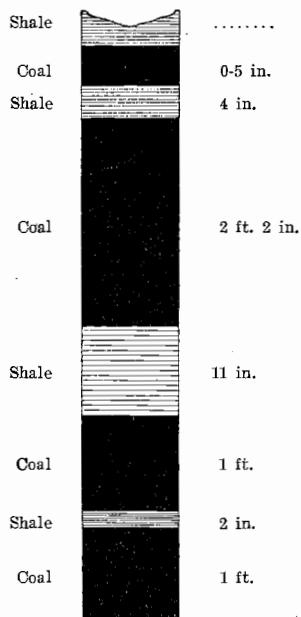
CUMBERLAND-GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY. M. GANNON'S PROSPECT
OPENING, FRANKLIN.



OPENING OF PIEDMONT-CUMBERLAND COAL COMPANY, AT FRANKLIN.



OPENING OF GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY, THREE MILES WEST OF
BLOOMINGTON.



OPENING OF PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, FRANKLIN.

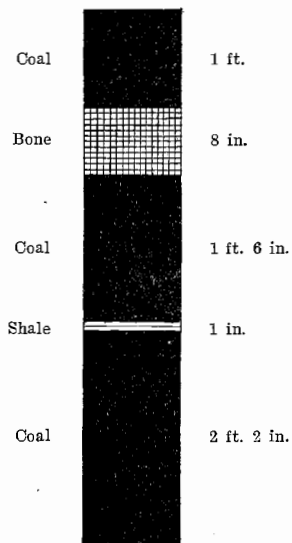




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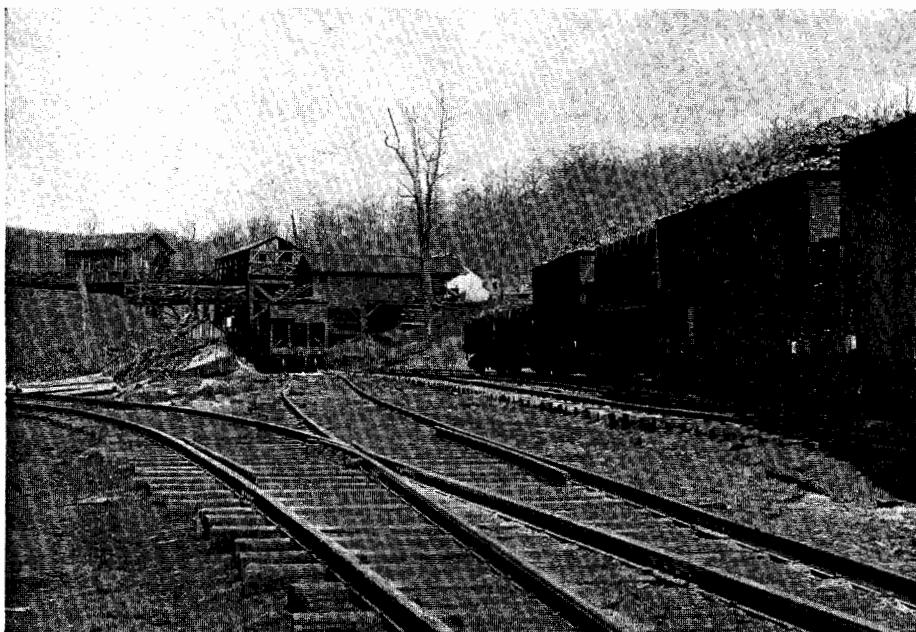











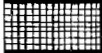



FIG. 2.—BARTON AND GEORGES CREEK VALLEY COAL COMPANY, CARLOS.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

OPENING OF J. O. J. GREENE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES BELOW WESTERNPORT.

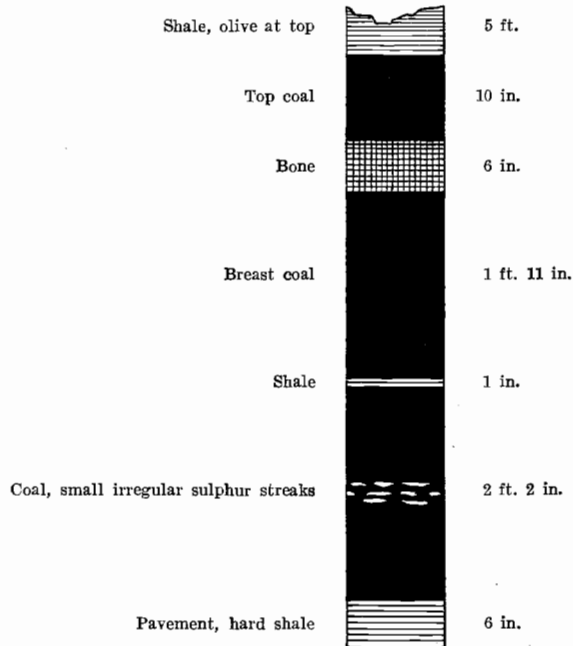
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		2½ in.
Shale		1 ft. 1 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft.

OPENING OF J. O. J. GREENE, OLD PHOENIX PLANE ADJOINING CATHOLIC CEMETERY, ONE-HALF MILE BELOW WESTERNPORT.

Shale		6 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Bone		6 in.
Coal		1 ft. 6 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		2 ft. 2 in.

Upper Kittanning coal.—This seam which when present occurs from 35 to 65 feet above the top of the Lower Kittanning coal has not been recognized in the Georges Creek basin. It is an unimportant bed in Maryland although it has been recognized in the upper Potomac region and will be later discussed.

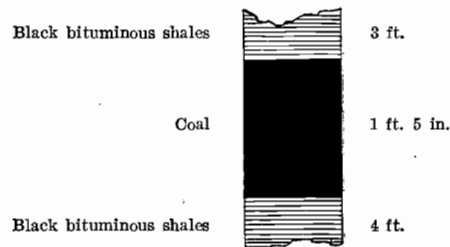
BUXTON MINE, DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, FRANKLIN HILL, ONE MILE WEST
OF PIEDMONT, W. VA.



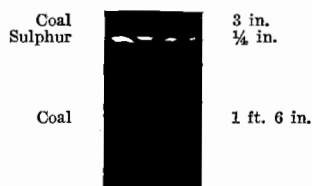
Lower Freeport coal.—This seam is of little importance in Maryland. It occurs at an interval of from 55 to 80 feet above the Upper Kittanning and from 100 to 145 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal and is commonly found from 35 to 60 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation. It is very variable in occurrence and has not been mined at any point in the Georges Creek valley.

Sections of Lower Freeport Coal.

SECTION IN SHORT GAP RUN, NEAR BARRELLVILLE.



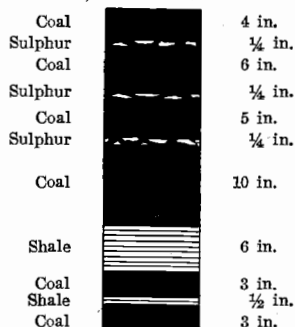
OLD GORMAN PLANE, NORTHWEST OF FRANKLIN.



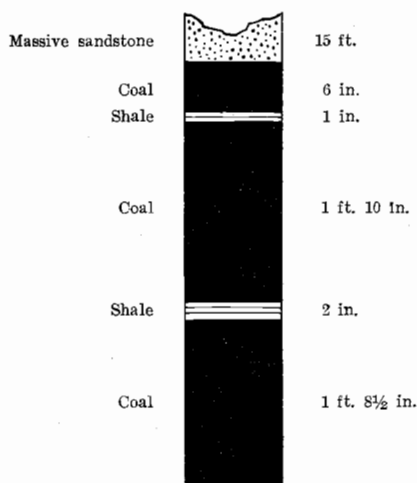
Upper Freeport (Thomas or "Three-foot") coal.—This seam occurs at the top of the Allegheny formation at an interval of from 20 to 60 feet below the Lower Mahoning sandstone and from 165 to 210 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal. It is locally known under the name of the "Three-foot" seam (or more frequently in the Georges Creek basin but less correctly, as the "Four-foot" seam). The Bakerstown seam, later described, is properly the "Four-foot" seam. This seam has also been called the "Thomas" coal by the geologists of the U. S. Geological Survey on account of its occurrence at Thomas, West Virginia. The Upper Freeport coal is a very persistent seam and commonly contains a clean workable bench of high-grade coal. It is somewhat variable in thickness and is in general much better developed in the Upper Potomac basin than in the Georges Creek basin.

Sections of Upper Freeport Coal.

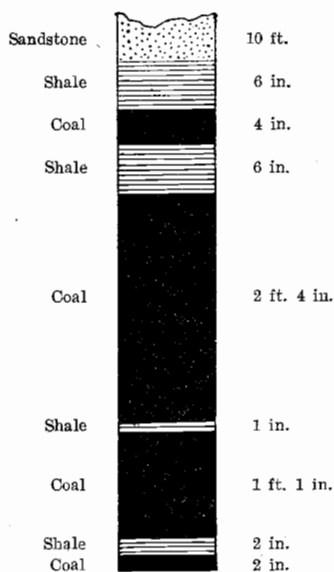
JOHN SMITH'S FIRE-COAL OPENING, ONE MILE BELOW MOUNT SAVAGE.

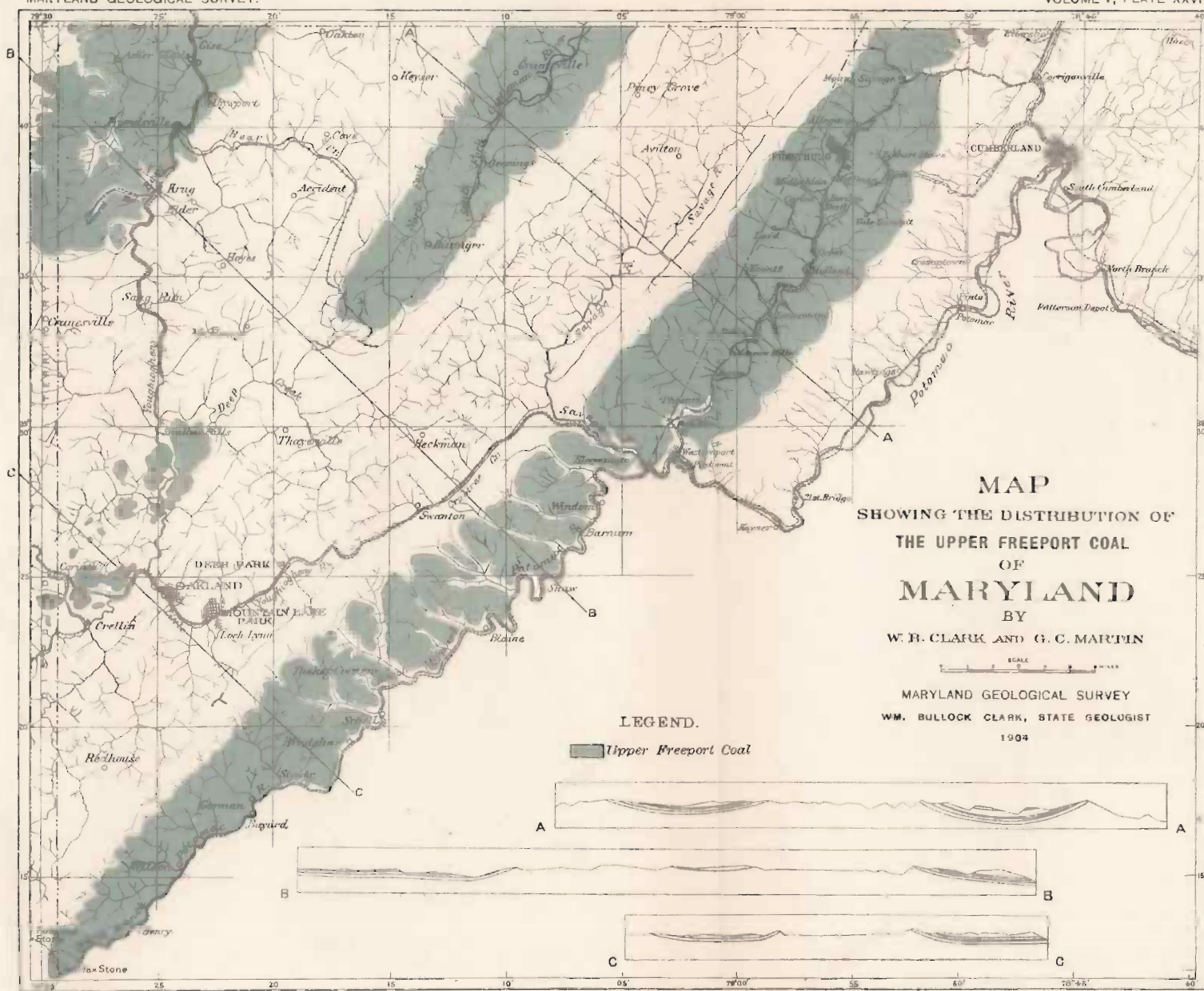


BRADDOCK COAL COMPANY, BRANT MINE, SHORT GAP RUN, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES EAST OF CLARYSVILLE.

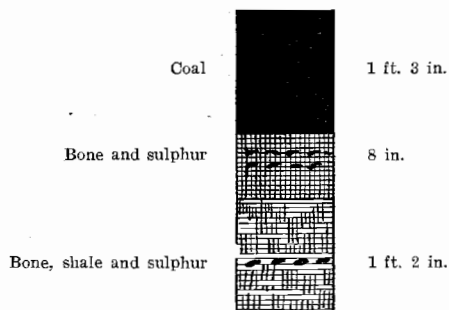


PROSPECT ON NORTH BANK OF BRADDOCKS RUN ABOVE BRANTS RUN, ONE MILE EAST OF CLARYSVILLE.

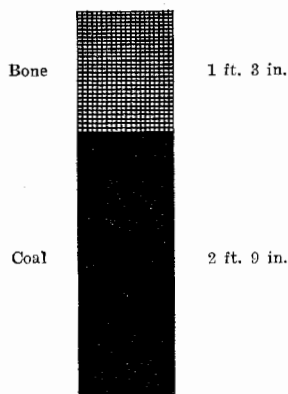




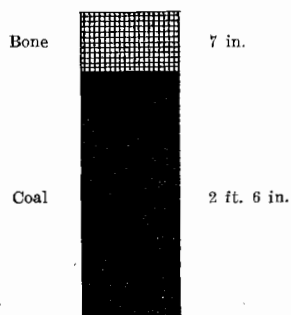
BUSKIRK FARM ON ELKCLICK RUN, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILES SOUTHEAST
OF GILMORE.



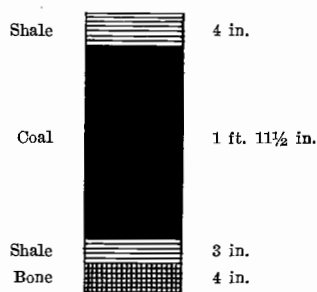
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF PETER MICHAEL'S FARM, MILL RUN, FOUR MILES WEST OF
LONACONING.



LOWER SEAM WORKED AT MORRISON BY FROSTBURG COAL MINING COMPANY, ONE
MILE EAST OF PHOENIX.



OLD FIRE-COAL OPENING NEAR OLD GORMAN PLANE, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTH-
WEST OF FRANKLIN.

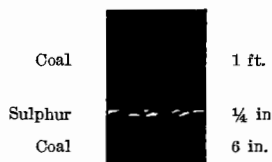


THE CONEMAUGH COALS OF THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Conemaugh coals are of less importance than the Allegheny coals and from the fact that the seams were not considered to possess economic value this formation was long known under the name of the Lower Barren Measures. Later study has shown, however, that the Conemaugh contains several seams which are either workable at present or are likely to become so in the future, but there is no reason to believe that the coal of the Conemaugh will ever rival that of the Allegheny in importance.

Sections of Mahoning Coal.

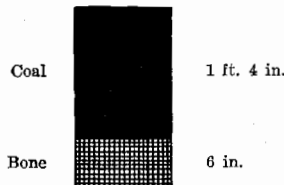
UNION MINING COMPANY, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES NORTHWEST OF MOUNT
SAVAGE.



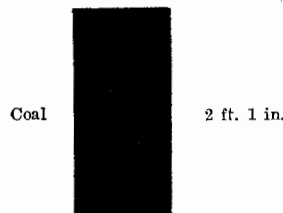
Mahoning coal.—This seam, which when present, occurs between the Upper and Lower Mahoning sandstone at an interval of from 45 to 60 feet above the Upper Freeport coal, is very poorly developed in the Georges Creek basin. As will be shown later it has been found

in sufficient thickness in western Garrett county to possess some economic value locally and it may yet be found to occur in workable quantities in the Georges Creek area. There is, however, some question as to the determination of this coal in the Georges Creek region and the coal here referred to that seam may upon further examination be shown to belong elsewhere or to constitute a local seam which has no named equivalent elsewhere.

RIGHT BRANCH OF MOORES RUN, NEAR HENRY MOORE'S HOUSE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES EAST OF BARTON.



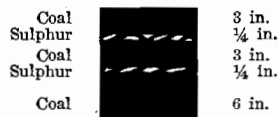
LEFT BANK MOORES RUN, ONE-HALF MILE ABOVE ISABEL MOORE'S, TWO MILES SOUTHEAST OF BARTON.



Brush Creek (Masontown) coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of about 65 feet above the Mahoning coal and from 85 to 125 feet

Sections of Brush Creek Coal.

OLD ORE TUNNEL, SECOND SEAM EXPOSED OUTWARD FROM FACE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.






above the Upper Freeport coal. It is a very persistent coal and the seam is generally from 18 to 24 inches in thickness although at times it exceeds this amount locally.






OLD ORE TUNNEL, THIRD SEAM OUTWARD FROM FACE, SAME LOCALITY.

Coal		4½ in.
Sulphur		¼ in.
Coal		5½ in.

OPENING TWO MILES SOUTHWEST OF BARRELLVILLE.

Black shales		28 ft.
Coal		10 in.
Black shales		2 ft.

BELOW MOUNT SAVAGE FIRE-CLAY PLANE, NEAR JOHN OBENDORFF'S HOUSE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.

Bone		3 in.
Coal		6 in.
Sulphur		½ in.
Coal		8 in.
Bone		8 in.

FIRE-COAL OPENING ON WM. COLEMAN'S PROPERTY, NORTHEAST BRANCH OF HILL RUN, TWO MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF LONACONING.

Coal		1 ft. 7 in.
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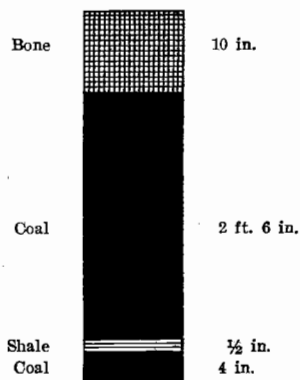
FIG. 1.—GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY, GILMOR.



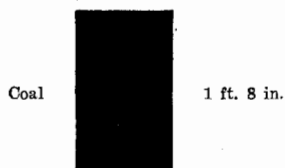
FIG. 2.—GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY, GILMOR.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

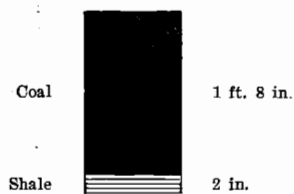
PROSPECT OPENING ONE-EIGHTH MILE ABOVE HENRY MOORE'S HOUSE ON MOORES
RUN, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES EAST OF BARTON.



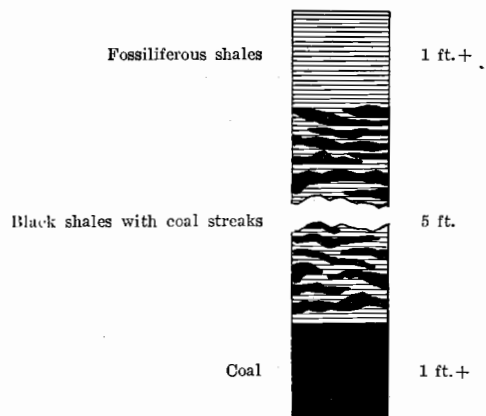
FIRE-COAL OPENING ON JOHN MOWBRAY'S PROPERTY, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF
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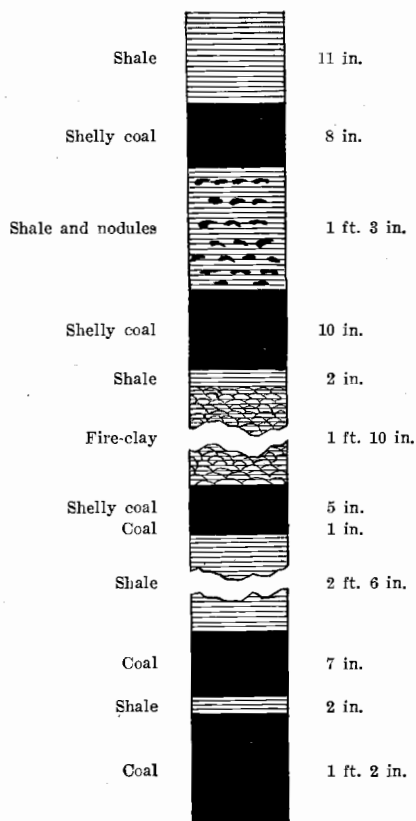
OPENING ON HENRY MOORE'S PLACE, ON MOORES RUN, TWO MILES SOUTHEAST
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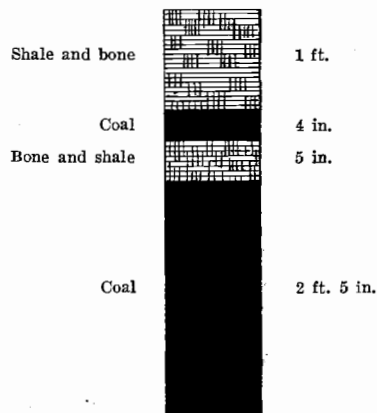
SECTION ON MILL RUN, ONE-FOURTH MILE WEST OF ALLEGANY-GARRETT LINE.



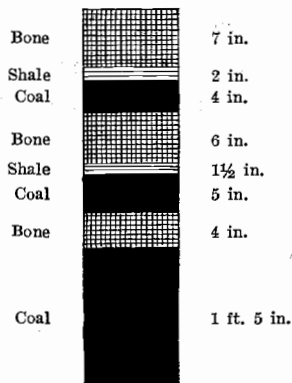
OPENING ON J. O. J. GREENE'S PROPERTY, OPPOSITE HOUSE ON MILL RUN, ABOUT ONE MILE FROM THE MOUTH.



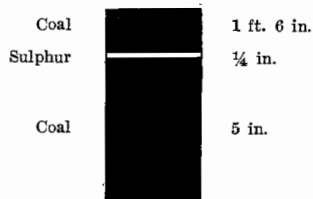
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF WILLIAM NEFF, MILL RUN, ONE MILE NORTH OF PHOENIX.



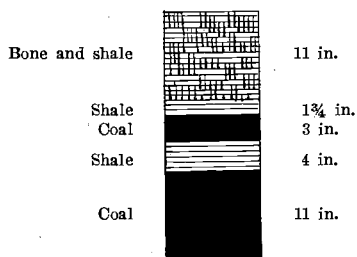
FIRE-COAL OPENING, ATHEY'S FARM, NEAR MORRISON, ONE MILE NORTH OF PHOENIX.



OPENING ON MIDDLE SEAM WORKED BY FROSTBURG COAL MINING COMPANY AT MORRISON, ONE MILE NORTH OF PHOENIX.



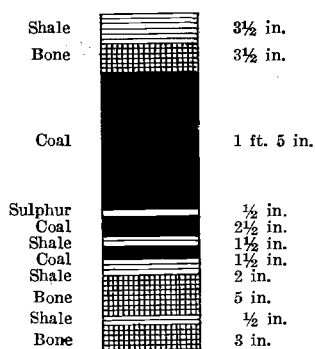
PROSPECT ABOVE MINE OF PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, THREE-EIGHTHS MILE SOUTH OF FRANKLIN.



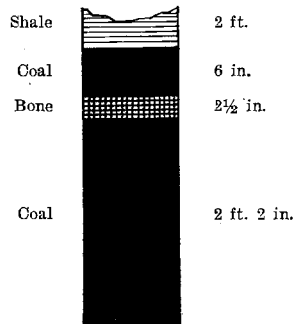
Bakerstown (Barton or "Four-foot") coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 90 to 135 feet above the Brush Creek coal. It is known locally as the "Four-foot" coal (or more frequently in the Georges Creek basin but less correctly as the "Three-foot"). The Upper Freeport, earlier described, is properly the "Three-foot" seam. This seam is somewhat variable in its thickness but is very persistent and in its thickest areas has much economic value and will probably be extensively mined under such conditions in the future.

Sections of Bakerstown Coal.

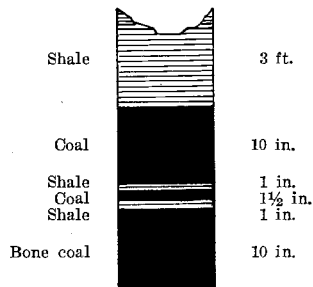
OLD ORE OPENING, FOURTH SEAM OUTWARD FROM FACE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.



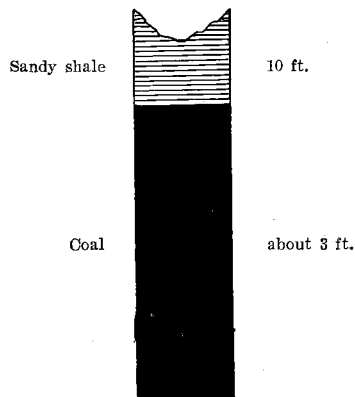
OLD UNION NO. 2, NEAR FOOT OF MOUNT SAVAGE PLANE, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH
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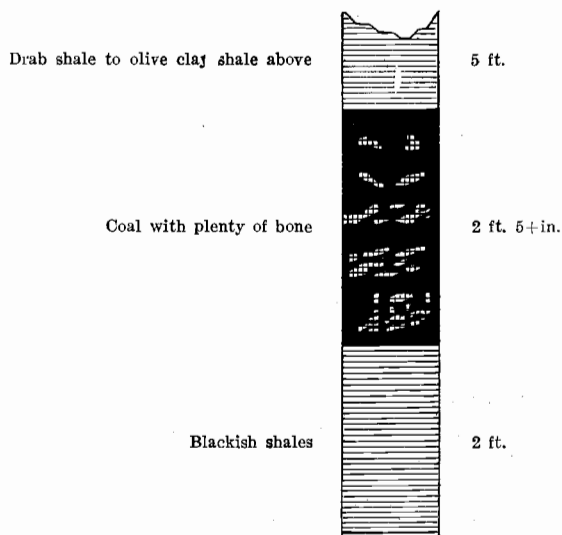
PROSPECT HOLE, THREE-FOURTHS MILE WEST OF BARRELLVILLE.



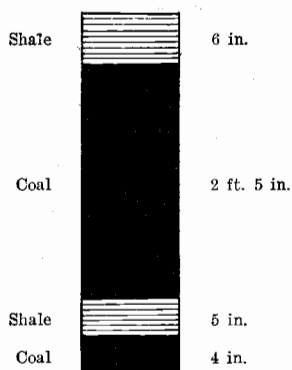
PROSPECT NEAR MOUTH OF TROTTERS RUN, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHWEST OF
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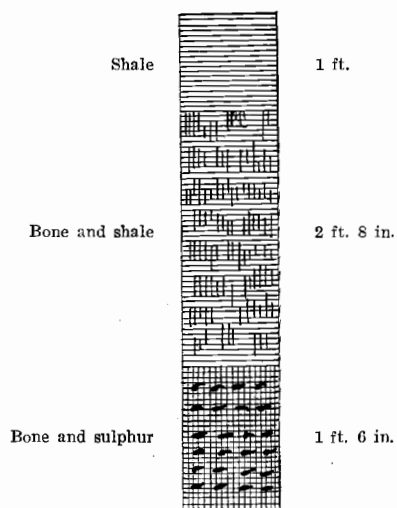
PINCHER'S COAL OPENING, TROTTERS RUN, TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF ECKHART
MINE.



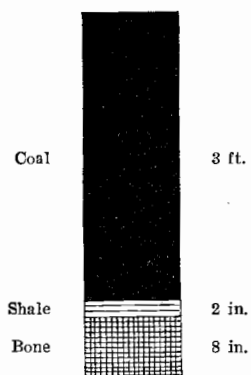
OPENING ON MOUNTAIN BEHIND TAVERN AT CLARYSVILLE, C. & P. R. R., HALF WAY
BETWEEN POWER STATION AND TAVERN.



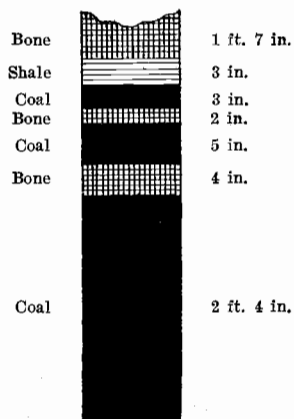
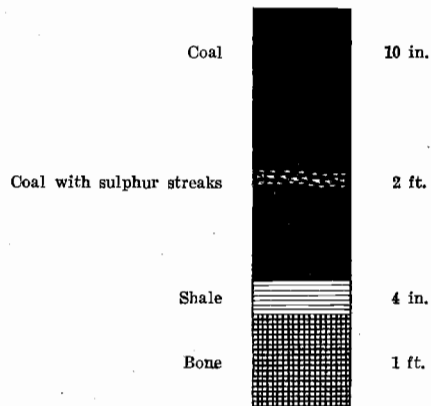
OPENING NEAR OLD SUGAR CAMP, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF LOARVILLE.



MARYLAND COAL COMPANY NEAR BEAMAN SAWMILL ON CASTLE RUN, ONE-HALF MILE ABOVE KOONTZ.



OPENING NEAR JAMES MIER'S HOUSE, COUNTY ROAD ABOVE LONACONING.

OPENING ON ROAD TO LAUREL RUN, 100 YARDS BELOW HUGH McMULLEN'S HOUSE,
THREE MILES WEST OF LONACONING.

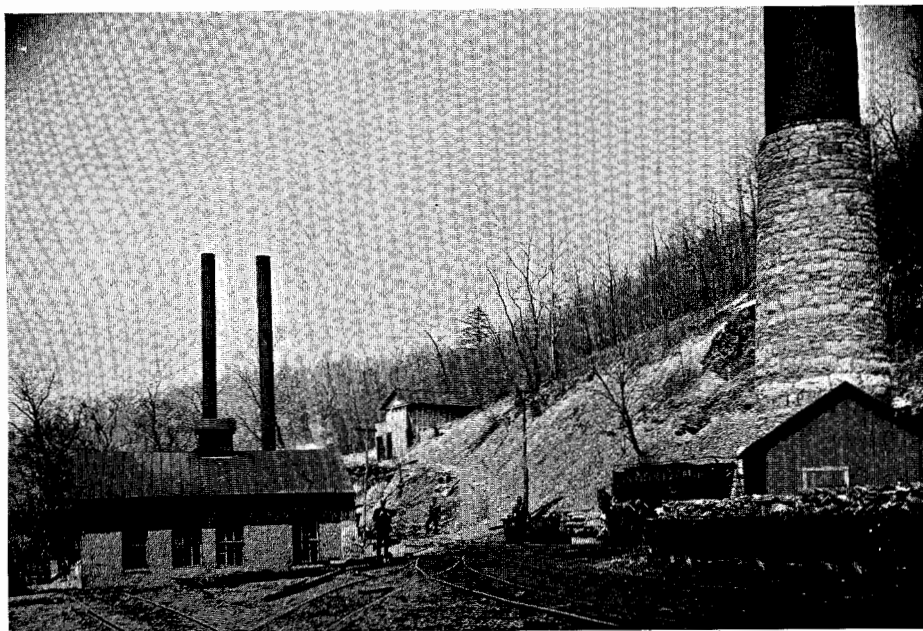


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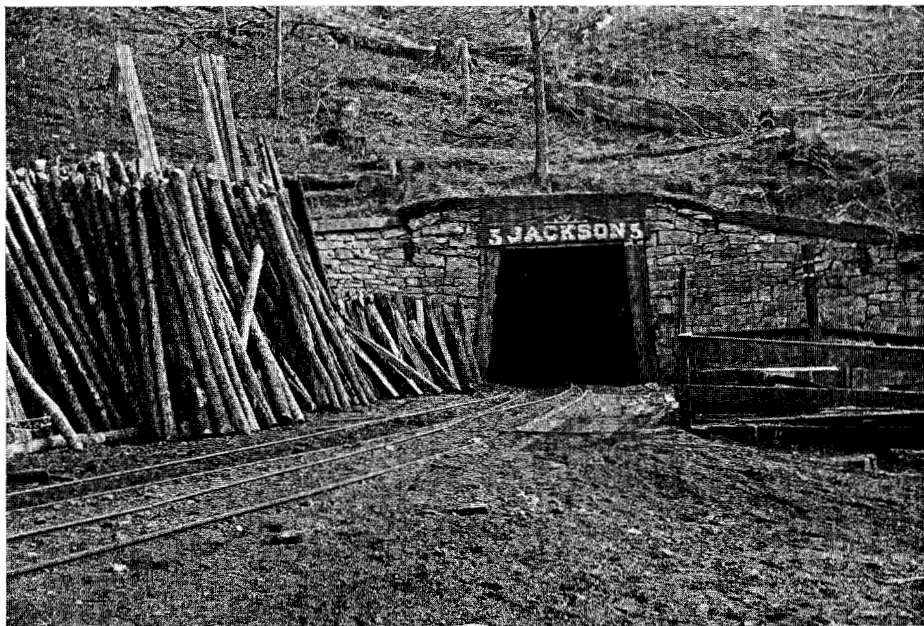
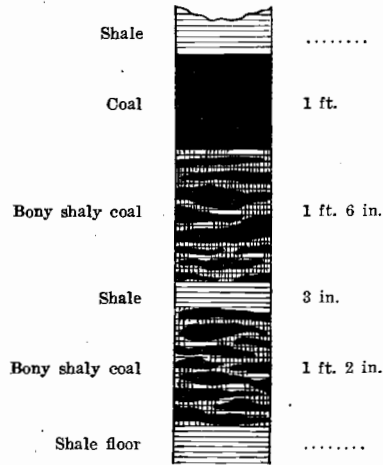


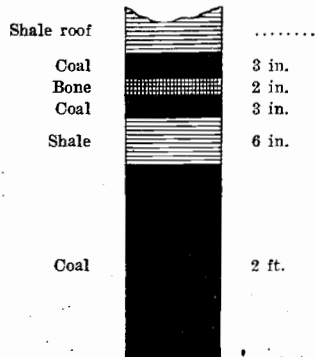
FIG. 2.—AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, JACKSON NO. 5.

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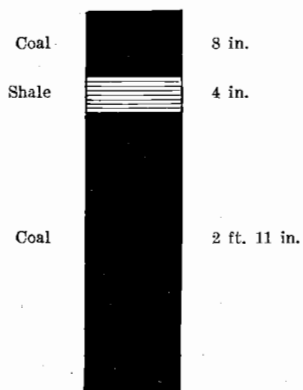
JAMES WIER'S MINE ON LAUREL RUN, THREE MILES WEST OF LONACONING.



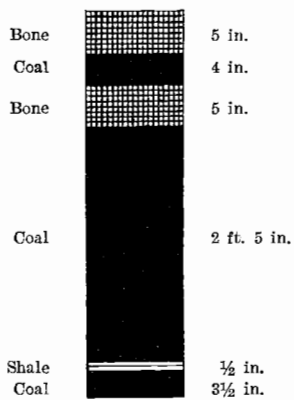
MINE, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF TOP OF DETMOLD HILL.



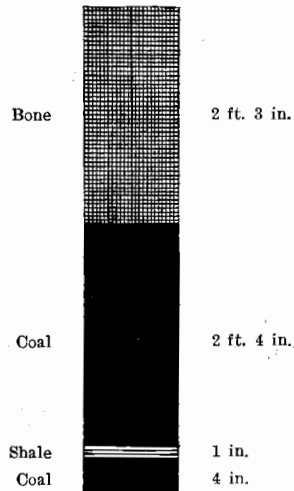
PHILLIP HANSELL'S FARM, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF LONACONING.



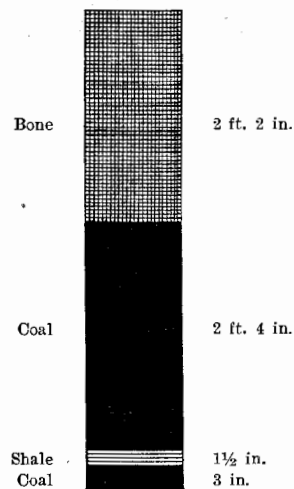
OPENING ON ARCHIE RUSSELL'S FARM, ON BARTLETT RUN, NEAR BARTON.



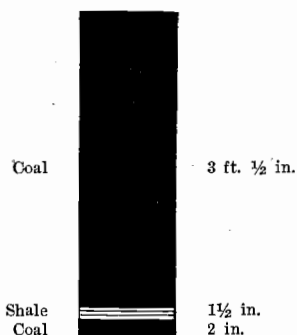
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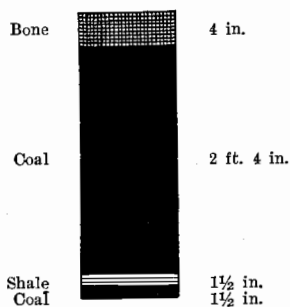
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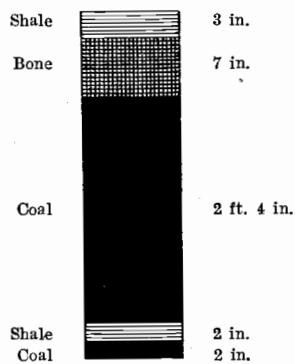
OPENING IN REAR OF HOUSE BELOW C. & P. R. R. BRIDGE BETWEEN PEKIN AND
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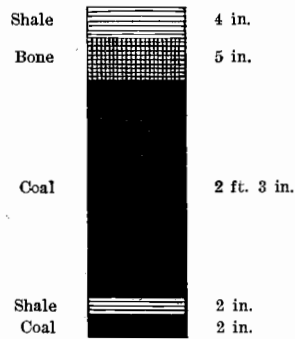
OLD FIRE-COAL OPENING, THREE HUNDRED FEET SOUTHEAST OF C. & P. R. R.
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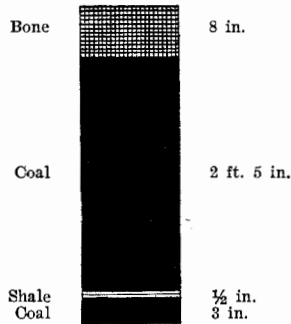
BEHIND MEYER'S HOUSE, NEAR MOUTH OF LAUREL RUN, MOSCOW MILLS.



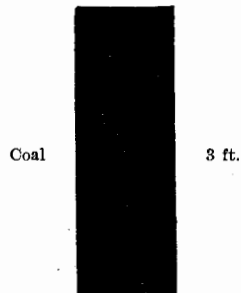
OPENING OF A. B. SHAW NEAR MOUTH OF LAUREL RUN, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH
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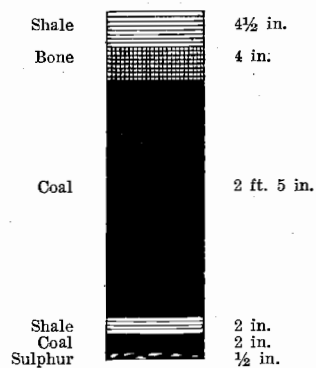
OPENING OF A. B. SHAW, ON COUNTY ROAD NEAR BARTON, FOUR HUNDRED FEET
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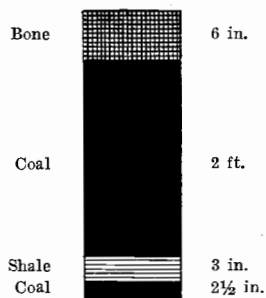
OPENING ON MOUNTAIN OPPOSITE SAWMILL, NEAR FORKS OF MILL RUN, THREE
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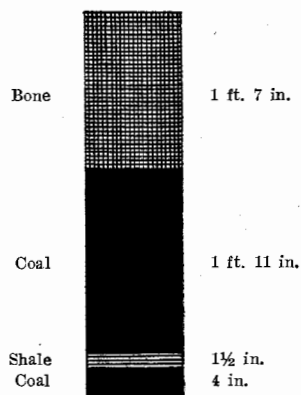
MOSCOW-GEORGES CREEK MINING COMPANY AT BARTON.



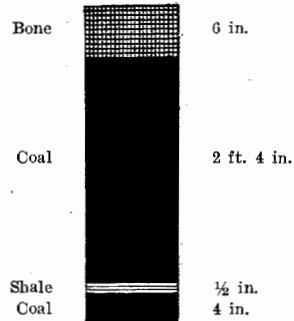
CHAPMAN OPENING, OLD SWANTON MINE, BARTON.



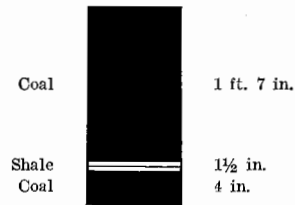
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF M. N. FAZENBAKER, NEAR FORK OF MILL RUN, THREE MILES WEST OF BARTON.



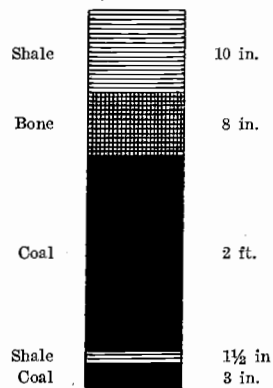
POTOMAC MINE OF UNION MINING COMPANY, NEAR BARTON.



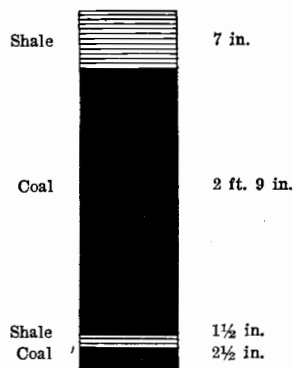
OPENING ON MOORES RUN, MIDWAY BETWEEN POTOMAC FAN HOUSE AND DOG TOWN, ONE MILE EAST OF BARTON.



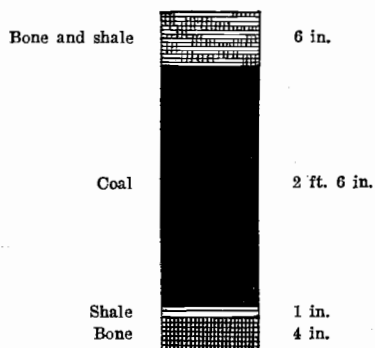
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF SAMUEL ROSS, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHEAST OF BARTON.

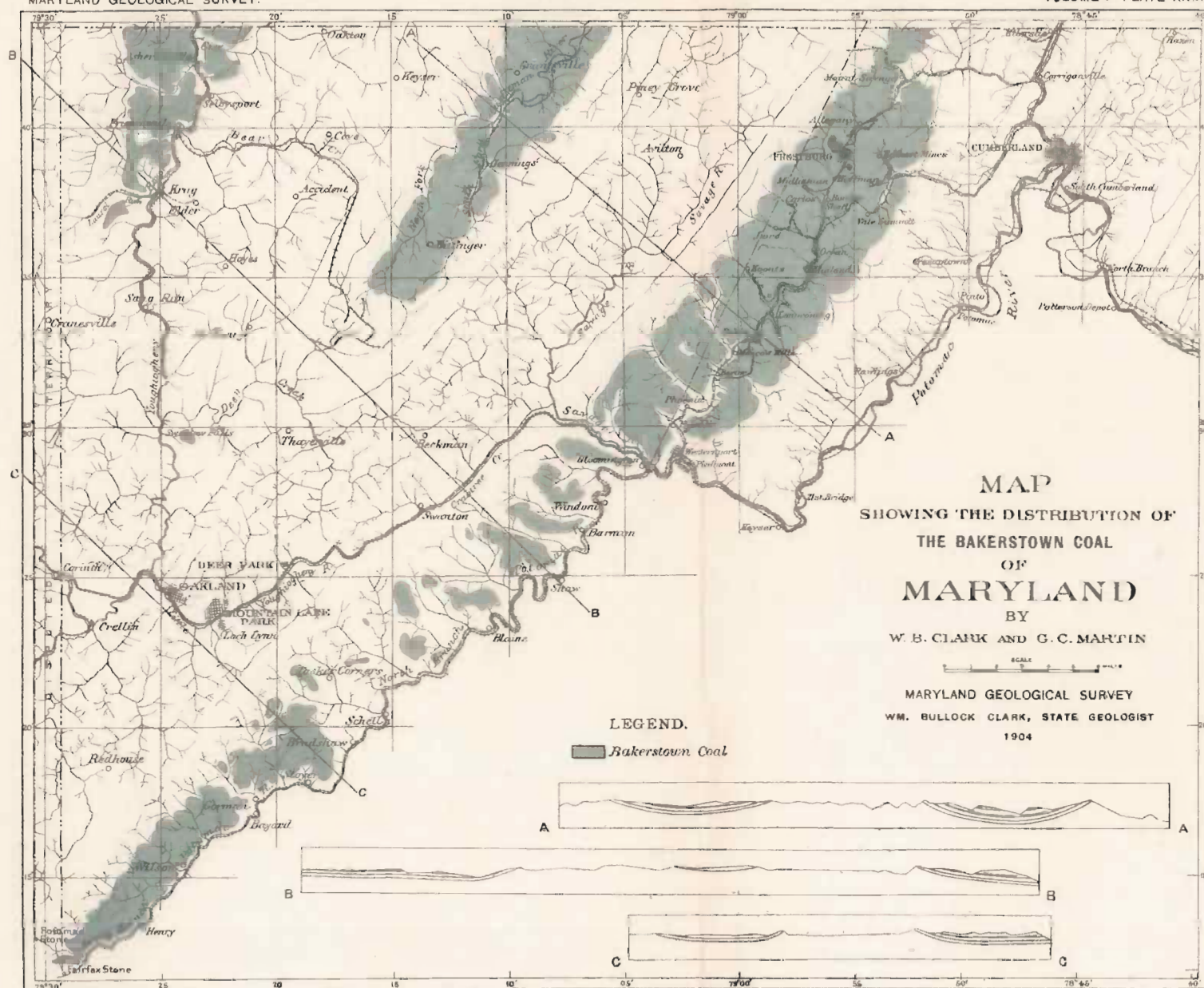


OPENING OF HENRY MOORE, MOORES RUN, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILE EAST
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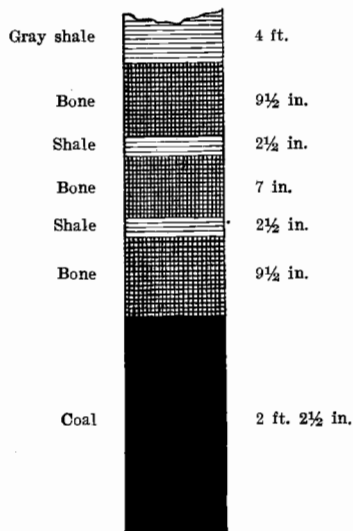


OLD FIRE-COAL OPENING OF ISABEL MYER, MOORES RUN, ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE
BELOW FORKS, TWO MILES EAST OF BARTON.

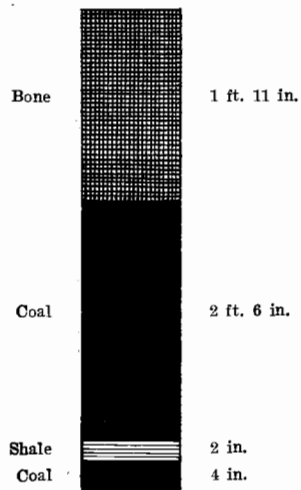




MINE ON SOUTH BRANCH OF MILL RUN, ONE MILE NORTHEAST OF BARTON.



OPENING ON MICHAELS RUN BELOW EZRA MICHAEL'S HOUSE, MILL RUN, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF PHOENIX.



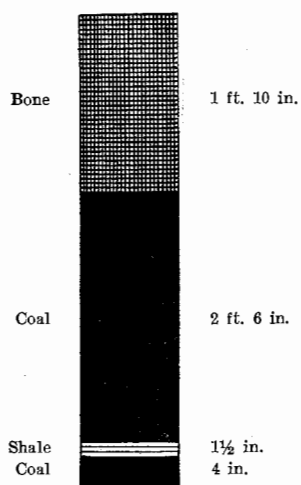
FIRE-COAL OPENING NEAR T. P. MICHAEL'S HOUSE ON AARON RUN, FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF WESTERNPORT.

Coal	2 in.
Sulphur	$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal	$2\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Bone and shale	4 in.
Bony coal	3 in.
Shale	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Bony coal	1 in.
Shale	2 in.
Bony coal	3 in.
Shale	7 in.
Coal	$1\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Cannel coal	2 in.
Coal	2 ft. 8 in.

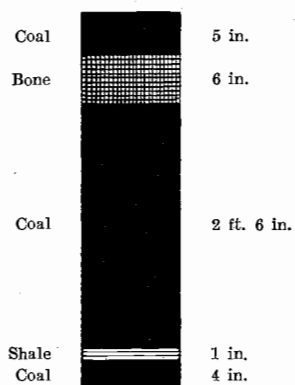
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF FAZENBAKER ON AARON RUN, ABOUT FOUR MILES NORTHWEST OF WESTERNPORT.

Bone	1 ft. 5 in.
Coal	8 in.
Sulphur	$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal	1 ft. 9 in.
Bone	4 in.

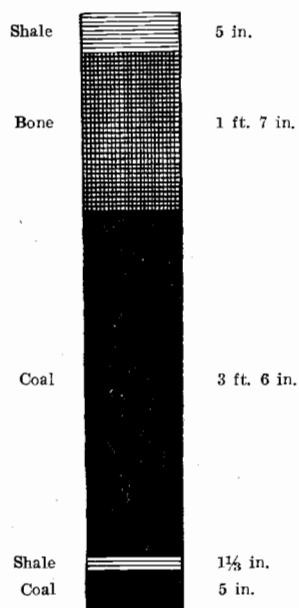
PHOENIX AND GEORGES CREEK MINING COMPANY'S PROPERTY NEAR PHOENIX.



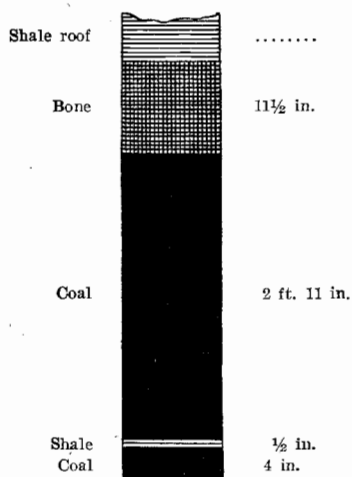
OPENING OF FROSTBURG COAL MINING COMPANY, ONE MILE NORTH OF PHOENIX.



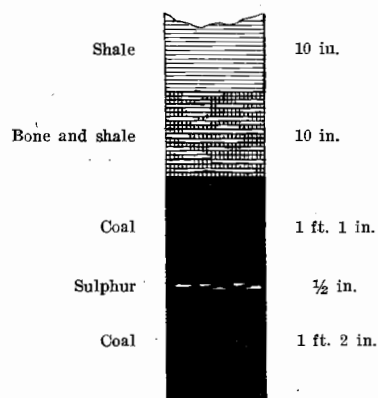
VAN BOYNEBURK'S OPENING OF CUMBERLAND AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY
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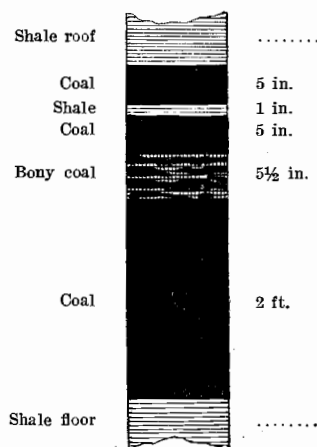
CUMBERLAND-GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY'S MINE ABOVE FRANKLIN.



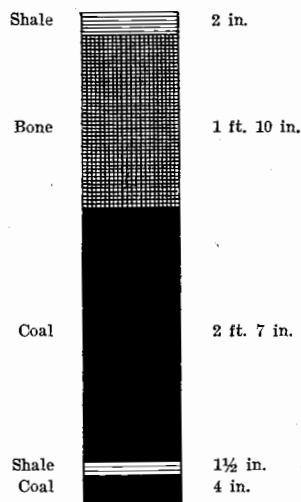
FIRE-COAL OPENING OF JAMES GROVE ON AARON RUN, FOUR MILES NORTHWEST OF
WESTERNPORT.



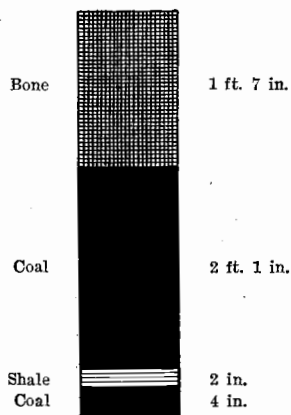
FIRE-COAL OPENING NORTH OF OLD FRANKLIN PLANE, ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF
FRANKLIN.



FIRE-COAL OPENING OF M. GANNON BETWEEN OLD FRANKLIN PLANE AND OLD GORMAN PLANE, FRANKLIN.



HILL ABOVE MINE OF PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, FRANKLIN.



Friendsville (Crinoidal) coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of about 100 feet above the Bakerstown coal in the Georges Creek basin. It is best developed in the northern part of the basin where the coal occurs in variable thickness and was already mined at an early period. It is better developed in this area than in any other part of the State. This coal is known under the name of the Cri-

noidal coal in Pennsylvania, but as it is well developed in the vicinity of Friendsville, Garrett county, that name has been applied to it in Maryland in order that all of the names may conform in origin.

Section of Friendsville Coal.

FIRE-COAL OPENING ECKHART BRANCH C. & P. R. R., CLARYSVILLE.

Coal





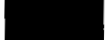




1 ft. 10 in.

Ellick coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of about 35 feet above the Friendsville coal when present but does not occur at any point in Maryland in sufficient thickness to have any commercial value. It is generally an irregular seam a few inches in thickness.






Lonaconing coal.—This seam has only been found in the lower central portion of the Georges Creek basin. It occurs just below the Clarksburg limestone and where best developed shows a thickness of about 2 feet. It is possible that it may locally prove to have some commercial value although the extent of the coal beyond a few points where it is exposed cannot be determined in the present state of development of the region.

Sections of Lonaconing Coal.


LOWER OPENING (ABANDONED) ON TRIMBLE FARM, NEAR MORANTOWN, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHEAST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.

Coal		½ in.
Shale		½ in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		1 ft.

SECTIONS OF LOWER OPENING, ONE HUNDRED YARDS NORTHEAST OF BARN, TRIMBLE
HOMESTEAD, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHEAST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.

Coal		4 in.
Shale		2½ to 3 in.
Coal		1 ft. 7 in.
Shale		½ in.
Coal		1 ft. 5 in.

NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, NEAR KOONTZ.

Coal		2 ft.
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OPENING OPPOSITE TRESTLE AT MINE NO. 1 OF GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON
COMPANY'S PROPERTY, ONE MILE NORTH OF LONACONING.


Coal		1 ft. 3½ in.
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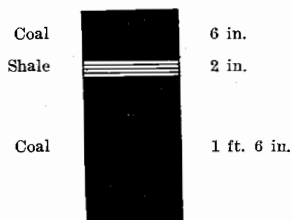
FIG. 1.—PIEDMONT MINING COMPANY, MOSCOW.



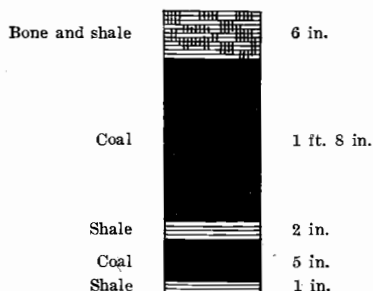
FIG. 2.—MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, APPLETON.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

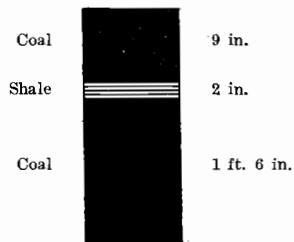
OUTCROP BEHIND THOMAS PEEBLE'S HOUSE, LONACONING.



NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, BIG VEIN HILL, LONACONING.



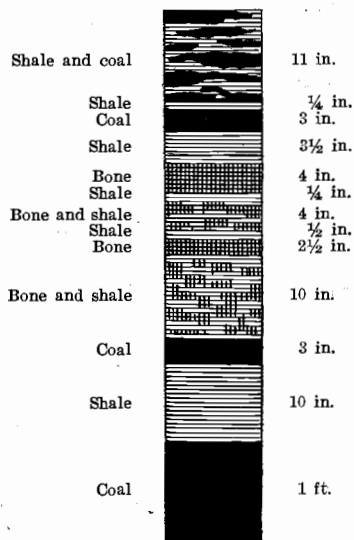
PROPERTY OF MR. HOHING, DETMOLD HILL, NEAR LONACONING.



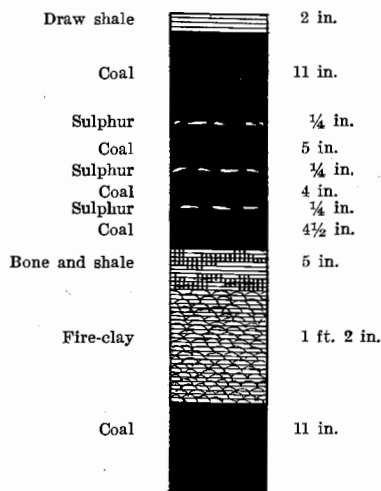
Franklin (Little Clarksburg or "Dirty-nine-foot") coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 50 to 100 feet above the Ellick coal and about 150 feet below the Pittsburg or "Big Vein." It is probably identical with the Little Clarksburg coal of West Virginia and is popularly called the "Dirty-nine-foot" by the miners in the Georges Creek basin.

Sections of Franklin Coal.

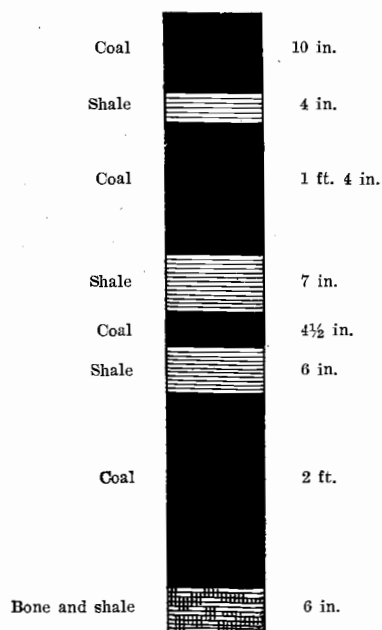
UPPER OPENING (ABANDONED), SIXTY FEET ABOVE LOWER OPENING, TRIMBLE'S FARM, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHEAST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.



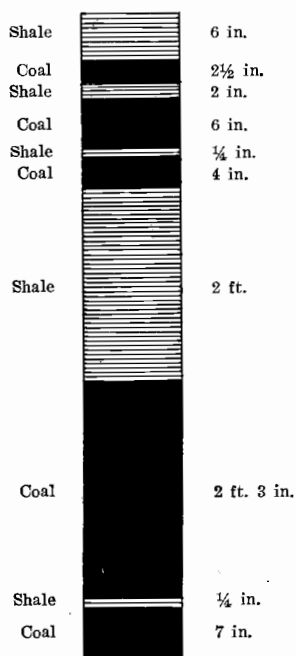
FIRE-COAL OPENING NEAR TENANT HOUSE, TRIMBLE FARM, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHEAST OF MOUNT SAVAGE.



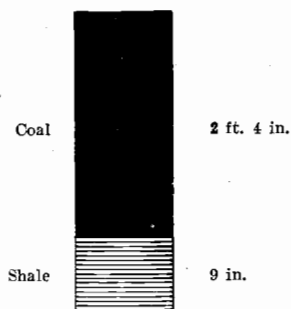
GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH OF
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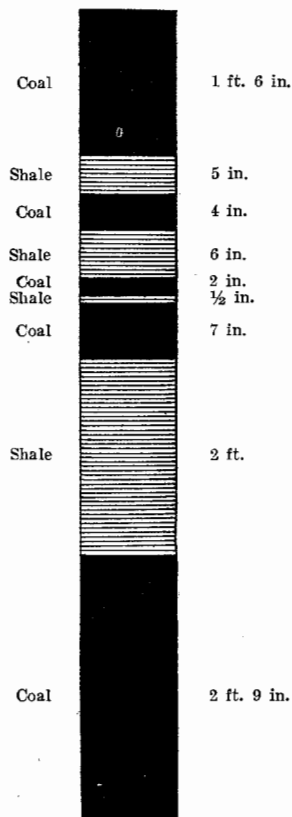
PROSPECT OPENING NEAR OLD GORMAN PLANE, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES
NORTHWEST OF FRANKLIN.



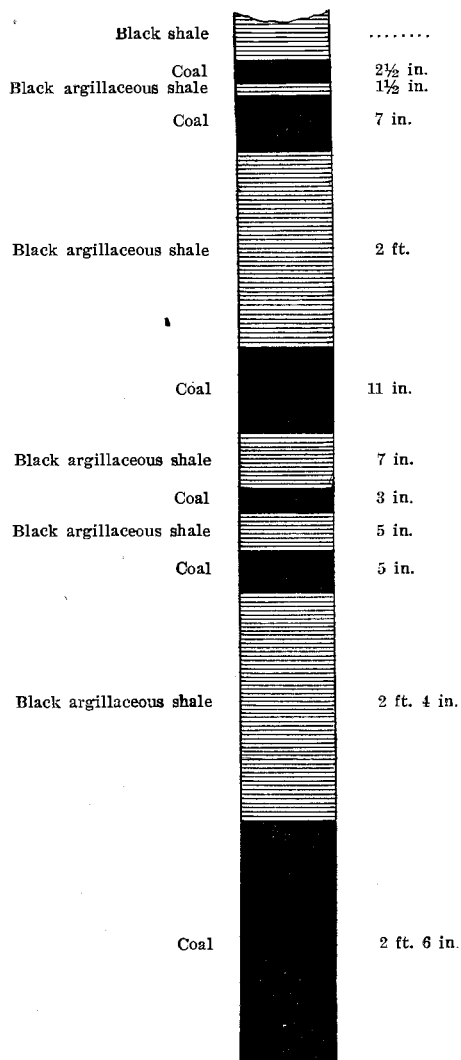
AMERICAN COAL COMPANY NEAR CALEDONIA MINE AT BARTON.





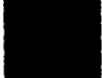






POTOMAC COAL COMPANY, MOORES RUN, THREE-FOURTHS MILE EAST OF BARTON.



OLD FRANKLIN PLANE, ONE MILE WEST OF FRANKLIN.






LOWER PART OF SEAM OPENED AT TOP OF OLD FRANKLIN PLANE, ONE MILE WEST
OF FRANKLIN.

Shale		4 to 6 in.
Bone		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 5 in.
Sulphur		$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		4 in.
Shale		5 in.
Bone		5 in.





Little Pittsburg coal.—This seam is generally constant in position from 50 to 90 feet below the “Big Vein.” This seam at times attains a thickness of about 3 feet although it is often broken up by partings of shale and sulphur. Some times it is divided into two clearly marked seams by the increase of the shale parting to several feet in thickness. The lower seam is then referred to as the second Little Pittsburg. This seam is evidently equivalent to the Little Pittsburg of Pennsylvania.

Sections of Little Pittsburg Coal.









NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, “BONNEY MINE,” OPPOSITE LONACONING.

Coal		10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.







AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, SIXTY FEET BELOW "BIG VEIN," EAST OF PEKIN.

Coal		10 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		2 ft.
Bony coal		0 to 6 in.

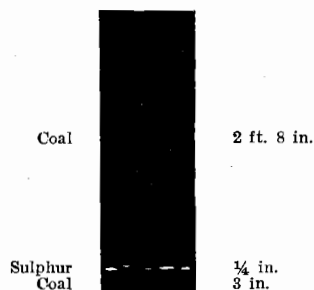
VEIN ABOUT SEVENTY FEET BELOW "BIG VEIN" AT POTOMAC COAL COMPANY'S MINE, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF MOSCOW MILLS.

Top shale		.....
Coal		1 ft. 1 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		5 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 1 in.
Parting		.....
Coal		1 ft. 1 in.

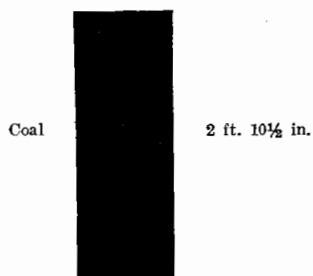
PROSPECT OPENING AT OLD POTOMAC "BIG VEIN" PLANE, SEVENTY-FIVE FEET FROM MOUTH, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF MOSCOW MILLS.

Coal		4 in.
Sulphur		$\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Coal		$4\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 11 in.
Bone		4 in.

OLD PROSPECT OPENING ON OLD BARTON PLANE, FIFTY FEET FROM MOUTH, ONE
MILE EAST OF BARTON.



OPENING BEHIND EZRA MICHAEL'S HOUSE, MILL RUN, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF
FRANKLIN.



OPENING OF O. C. FAZENBAKER'S, BETWEEN MILL RUN AND OLD FRANKLIN PLANE,
ONE-HALF MILE FROM ROCK CHURCH, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF FRANKLIN.

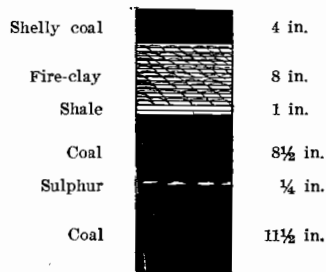




FIG. 1.—DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, HENRY NO. 1.



FIG. 2.—DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, HENRY.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

THE MONONGAHELA COALS OF THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Monongahela coals are practically confined to the Georges Creek basin, a small area long since exhausted being found also in the Potomac basin. The Monongahela coals have had, and will con-

Sections of Pittsburg Coal.

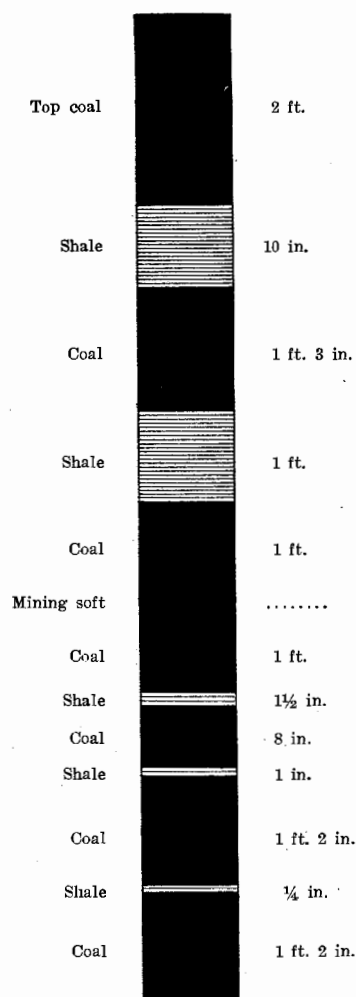
GEORGES CREEK AND BALD KNOB COAL COMPANY, NORTH OF MOUNT SAVAGE.

Coal	7 in.
Bone	2 in.
Coal	1 ft. 11 in.
Bone	1 in.
Coal	6½ in.
Bone	½ in.
Coal	2 ft. 2½ in.

tinue to have, great importance in Maryland by reason of the fact that the Pittsburg coal, or "Big Vein," constitutes a part of the Monongahela formation. These upper beds of the Carboniferous formation were earlier referred to as the Upper Productive Measures and have been the chief source of the coal hitherto mined in Maryland. In addition to the Pittsburg seam there are five other seams of coal, four of which may be regarded as of economic value, and of which three have been from time to time worked. The Monongahela coals cover a much smaller area than the Conemaugh and particularly the Allegheny coals which underlie them. They are, however, much

more accessible as the older coals are deeply buried throughout the central part of the basin.

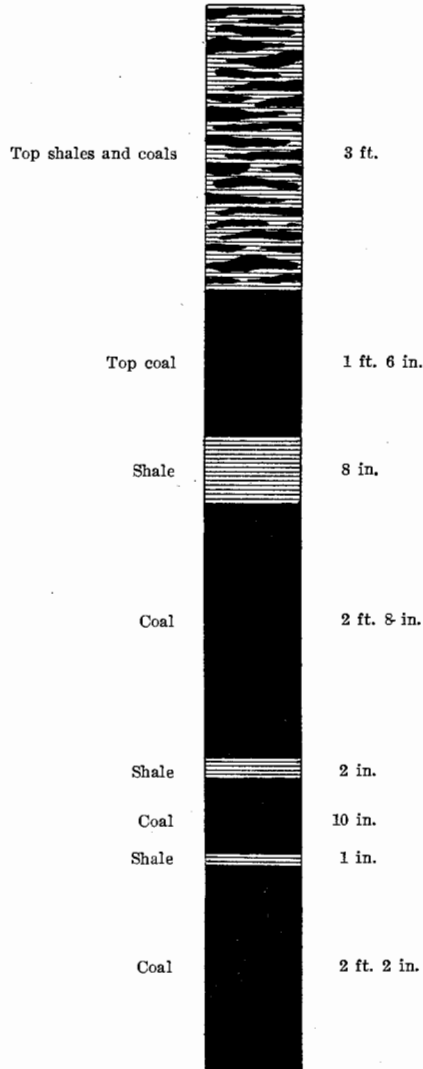
OPENING OF WITHERS MINING COMPANY, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF LITTLE ALLEGANY.



Pittsburg (Elkgarden, "Fourteen-foot" or "Big Vein") coal.—
This seam is the most important seam of the Georges Creek valley

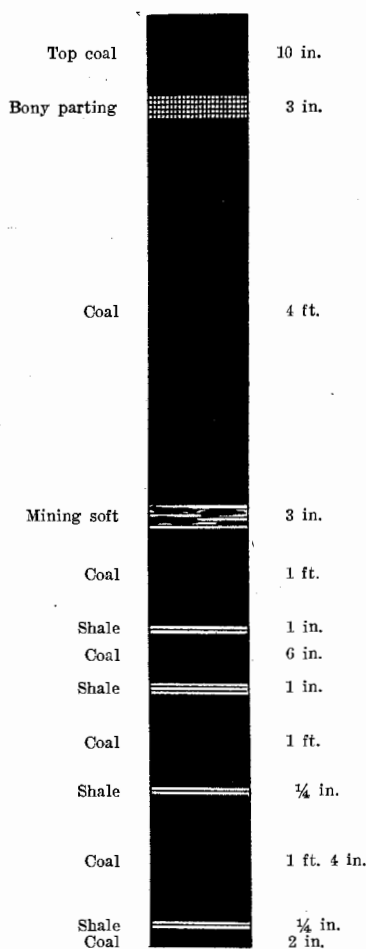
at the present time and has been the chief source of the coal in Maryland for more than fifty years. It is restricted almost exclusively to the Georges Creek basin, only one small area having been found in

OPENING OF NEW YORK MINING COMPANY, ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF LITTLE ALLEGANY.



the upper Potomac valley and that long since exhausted. Its position is identical with that of the Pittsburg bed of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and, as in those states, is found at the base of the Monon-


MINE OF UNION MINING COMPANY, FROSTBURG.



gahela formation. This seam is at the present time being rapidly mined and the time is not far distant when the coal will become entirely exhausted, after which the Maryland coal industry will have

to depend largely upon the smaller veins and especially those of the older formations, on account of their much greater areal extent than


ECKHART MINE, CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, ECKHART MINES.

Shales and coal		4 ft.
Coal		1 ft.
Bony parting		2 in.
Coal		2 ft.
Shale		1½ in.
Coal		2 ft.
Mining soft		4 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 3 in.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		1 ft.

those overlying the "Big Vein." This seam is locally known as the "Fourteen-foot" or "Big Vein" in the Georges Creek valley and


was described under the name of Elk garden seam in the Piedmont folio of the U. S. Geological Survey, this latter name being originally

HOFFMAN MINE, CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, HOFFMAN.

Shale and coal		4 ft.
Top coal		1 ft. 3 in.
Parting		.....
Coal		3 ft. 8 in.
Mining soft		6 in.
Coal		9 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		9 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal		1 ft. 3 in.

followed in the report on the Geology of Allegany County. As this coal is unquestionably equivalent to the Pittsburg seam of Pennsylvania that name is now adopted since it has priority.

BOWERY MINE, THE BORDEN MINING COMPANY, MIDLOTHIAN.

Top shale		10 in.
Top coal		1 ft. 4 in.
Parting		.....
Coal		5 ft. 6 in.
Mining soft		4 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		1½ in.
Coal		9 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 2 in.

CARLOS No. 2, BARTON AND GEORGES CREEK VALLEY COAL COMPANY, CARLOS.

Top coal	1 ft. 6 in.
Parting	.....
Coal	5 ft. 6 in.
Mining soft	3 in.
Coal	1 ft. 3 in.
Shale	1 in.
Coal	4 in.
Shale	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal	10 in.
Shale	$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal	1 ft.

No.	NAME.	OWNER.	OPERATOR.
1	McGlone & Stafford	Cumberland Basin Coal Co.	Cumberland Basin Coal Co.
2	Trimble	Midland Mining Co.	Midland Mining Co.
3		Frostburg & Withers Mining Co.	Idle.
4	Union No. 2	New York Mining Co.	New York Mining Co.
5	Washington No. 1	Consolidation Coal Co.	Piedmont & Georges Creek Coal Co.
6	Washington No. 2	Chas. Leatham.	"
7	Pumping Shaft	Consolidation Coal Co.	Consolidation Coal Co.
8	Bowery	Borden Mining Co.	Borden Mining Co.
9		Consolidation Coal Co.	Consolidation Coal Co.
10	Ocean No. 1	"	"
11	Ocean No. 3	"	"
12	Ocean No. 3½	"	"
13	Frost	"	"
14	Ocean No. 2	"	"
15	Ocean No. 7	"	"
16	Ocean No. 8	"	"
17	Enterprise	"	"
18	Union No. 1	"	"
19	Borden	Borden Mining Co.	Union Mining Co.
20	Carlos No. 1	H. & W. A. Hitchens.	Barton & Georges Creek Valley Coal Co.
21	Carlos No. 2	"	"
22	Koonz	Consolidation Coal Co.	"
23	Pine Hill or No. 3	New Central Coal Co.	New Central Coal Co.
24	Columbia or Nos. 9 & 10	Georges Creek Coal and Iron Co.	Georges Creek Coal and Iron Co.
25	No. 1 and No. 4	"	"
26	Repold	"	"
27	Beardell	"	"
28	Kingsland	"	"
29	Appleton	"	"
30	Patton	"	"
31	New Detmold	"	"
32	Big Vein Hill	"	"
33	Shamrock	"	"
34	Pekin	Coromandel Coal Co. bo't of N. C. Co.	Coromandel Coal Co.
35	Moscow No. 1	Consolidation Coal Co.	Lonaconing Coal Co.
36	Moscow No. 2	Atlantic & Georges Creek Consolidated Coal Co.	Idle.
37	Moscow	Estate of A. B. Shaw.	Moscow-Georges Creek Mining Co.
38	Swanton	Piedmont Mining Co.	Piedmont Mining Co.
39	Jackson	American Coal Co.	W. J. Chapman Coal Mining Co.
40	Caledonia	"	American Coal Co.
41	Potomac	Black, Sheridan & Wilson.	Potomac Coal Co.
42	Morrison	Estate of Carrie Morrison.	Frostburg Coal Mining Co.
43	Phoenix & Eckhart	Phoenix & Georges Creek Mining Co.	Phoenix & Georges Creek Mining Co.
44	Penn	Cumberland-Georges Creek Coal Co.	Cumberland-Georges Creek Coal Co.
45	Excelsior	M. P. Gannon.	Idle.
46	Buxton	West Va. Central & Pittsburg R. R. Co.	Davis Coal & Coke Co.
47	Franklin	"	Idle.
48	Scrap	"	Davis Coal & Coke Co.
49	Buckhorn	"	"
50	Hampshire	"	Piedmont-Cumberland Coal Co.
51	Six Foot	Estate of James Morrison.	"
52	Tacoma	Piedmont & Georges Creek Coal Co.	Piedmont & Georges Creek Coal Co.
53	Phoenix	H. G. Davis & Bro. & J. O. J. Green.	Idle.
54	Bloomington	Empire Coal Co. and Jones and Owens Estates.	Geo. C. Pattison.
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Pittsburg Coal


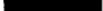

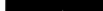
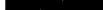
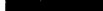
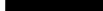
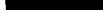
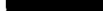
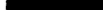
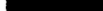
Lower Coals



MAP OF THE GEORGES CREEK COAL BASIN SHOWING THE LOCATION OF MINING PROPERTIES AND THE AREAL EXTENT OF THE PITTSBURG ("BIG VEIN") AND LOWER COALS

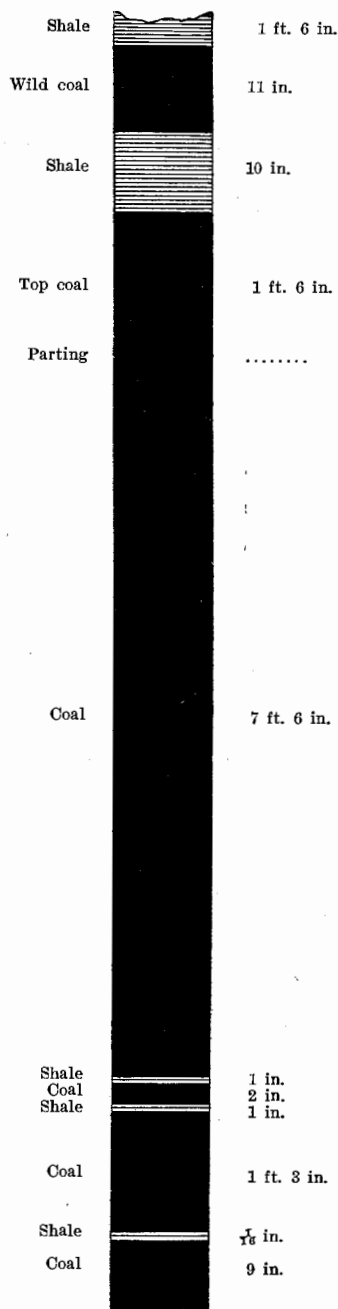
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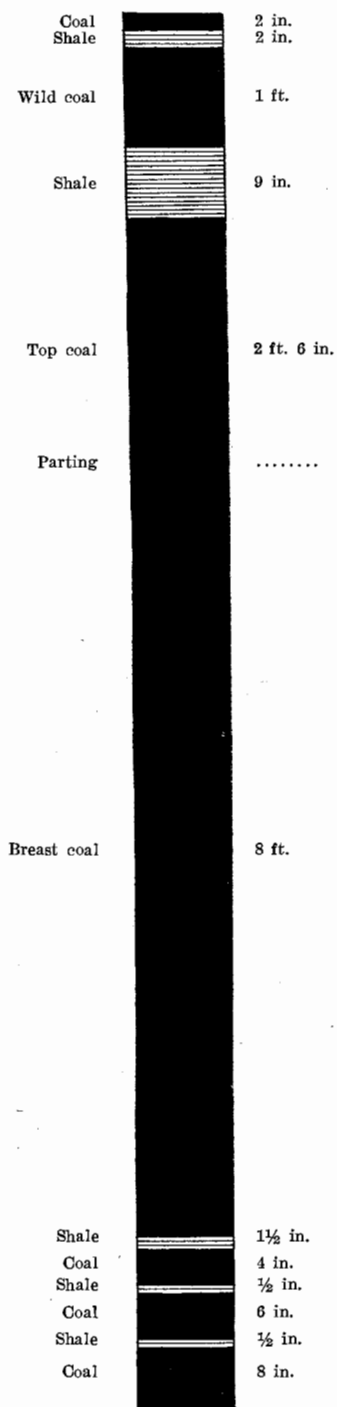
CARLOS No. 1, BARTON AND GEORGES CREEK VALLEY COAL COMPANY, CARLOS.

Top coal		1 ft. 6 in.
Parting		.....
Coal		5 ft. 9 in.
Mining soft		4 in.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		5 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		1 ft.

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KOONTZ MINE, NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, KOONTZ.



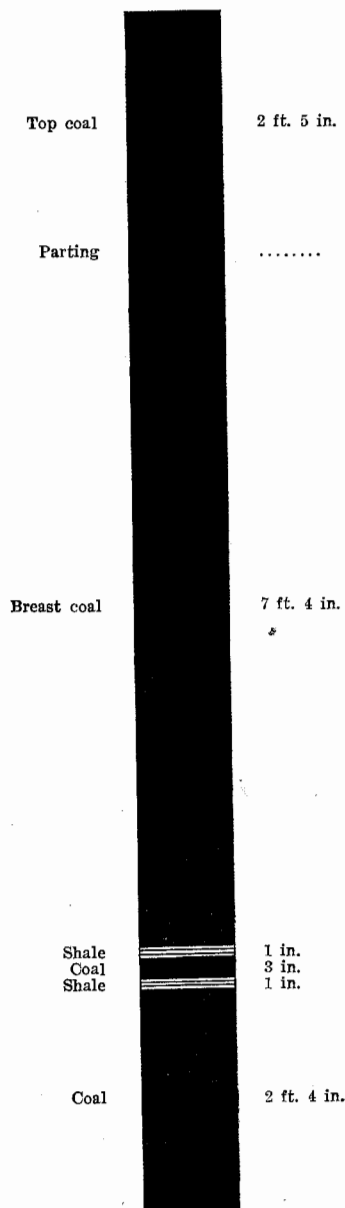
NEW DETMOLD MINE, MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, ONE MILE SOUTHWEST OF
LONACONING.

FIRE-COAL MINE ON NORTH SIDE OF PICKELL TRACT, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES
NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW.

Coal

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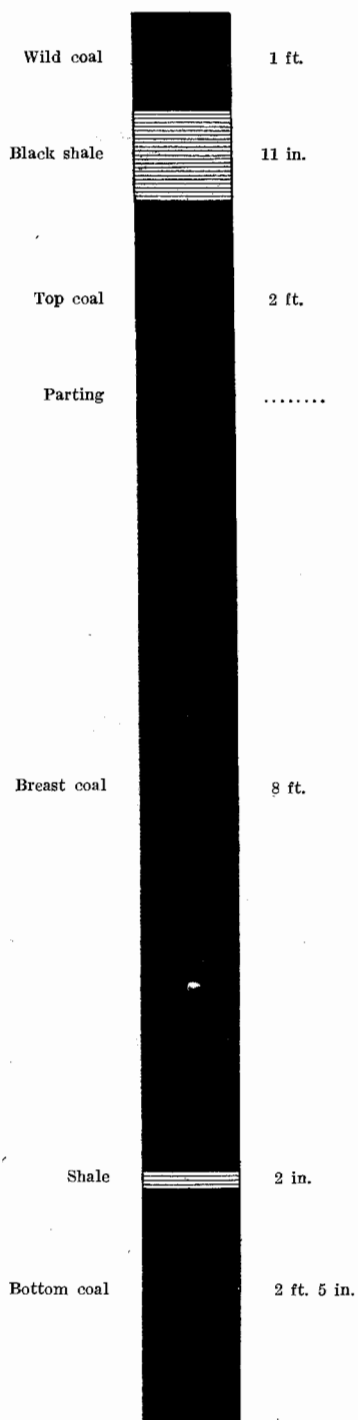
JACKSON No. 5, AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, PEKIN.



FIRE-COAL MINE, SOUTH END OF PIKELL TRACT, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES WEST
OF MOSCOW.

Breast coal

6 ft. 6 in.

CALEDONIA MINE NO. 1, AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, THREE-FOURTHS MILE WEST
OF BARTON.

OLD POTOMAC MINE, UNION MINING COMPANY, ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF BARTON.

Top coal	2 ft. 6 in.
Parting	.....
Breast coal	6 ft. 9 in.
Mining ply	4 in.
Coal	1 ft. 3 in.
Shale	1½ in.
Coal	3 in.
Shale	1½ in.
Coal	1 ft. 4 in.
Sulphur shale	½ in.
Coal	1 ft. 3 in.



FIG. 1.—PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, WASHINGTON NO. 1.

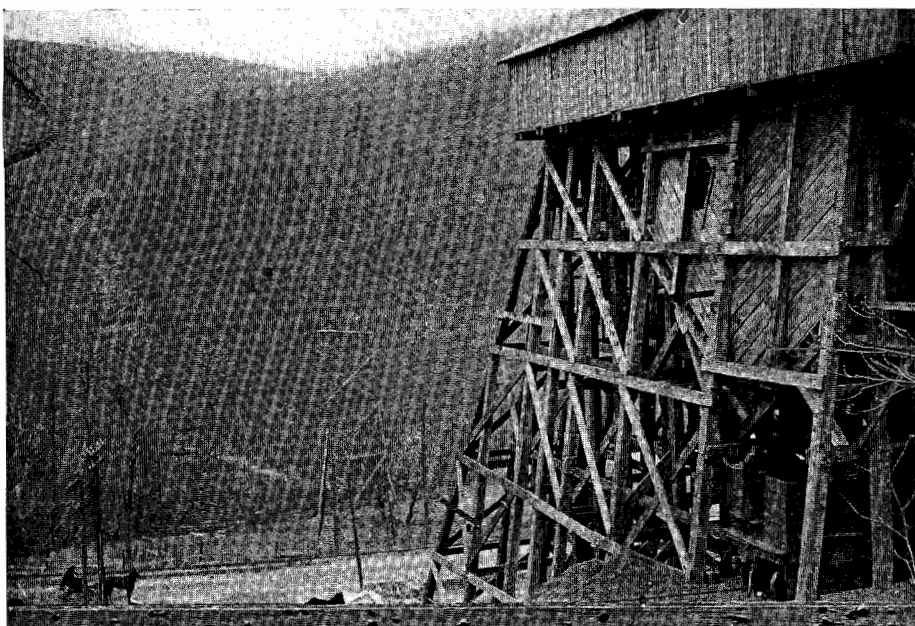
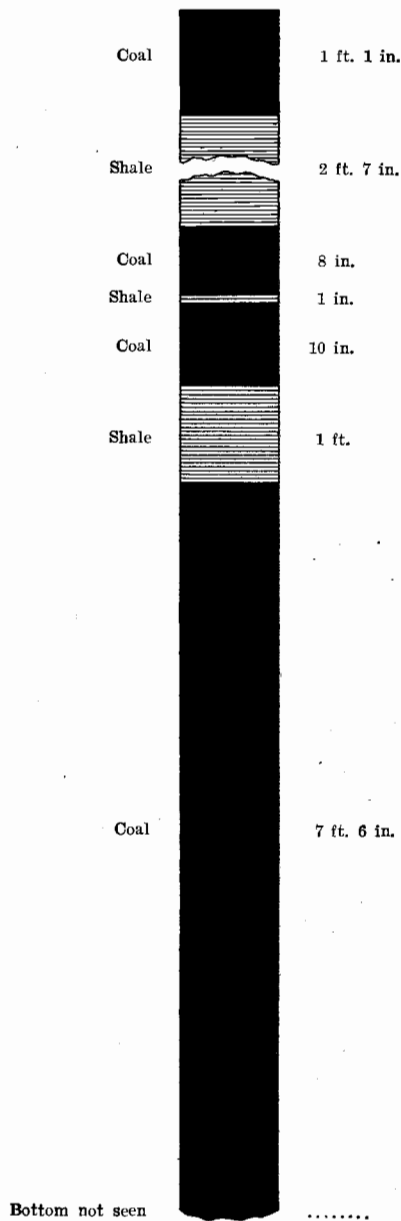


FIG. 2.—BRADDOCK MINING COMPANY.

VIEWS OF COAL MINING PLANTS.

OLD PHOENIX MINE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF PHOENIX.



EXCELSIOR MINE NO. 2 (OR KNOB), M. P. GANNON, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS
MILES NORTHWEST OF FRANKLIN.

Roof coal (not worked)

2 ft. 6 in.

Parting

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Breast coal

7 ft. 11 in.

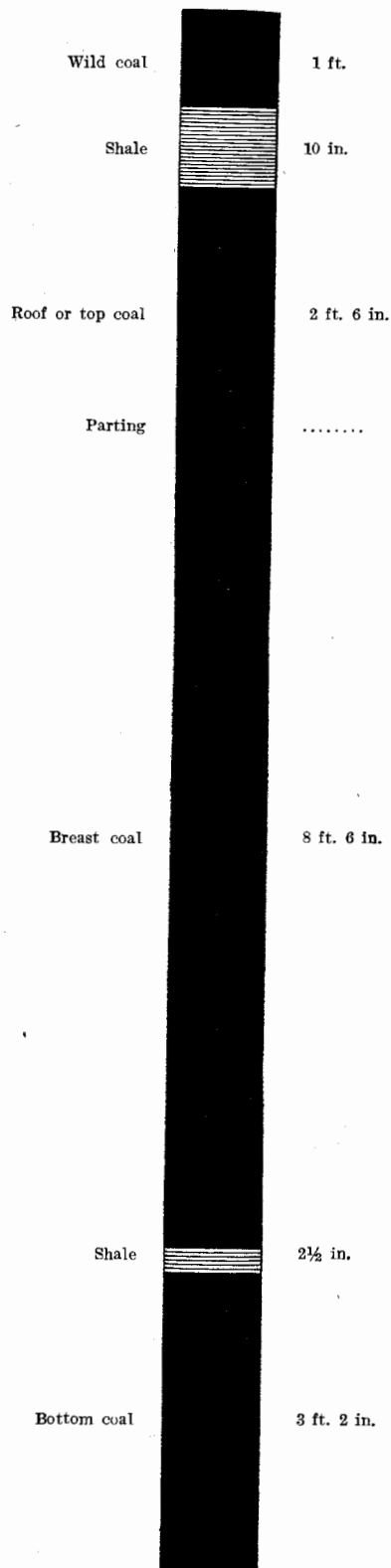
Shale

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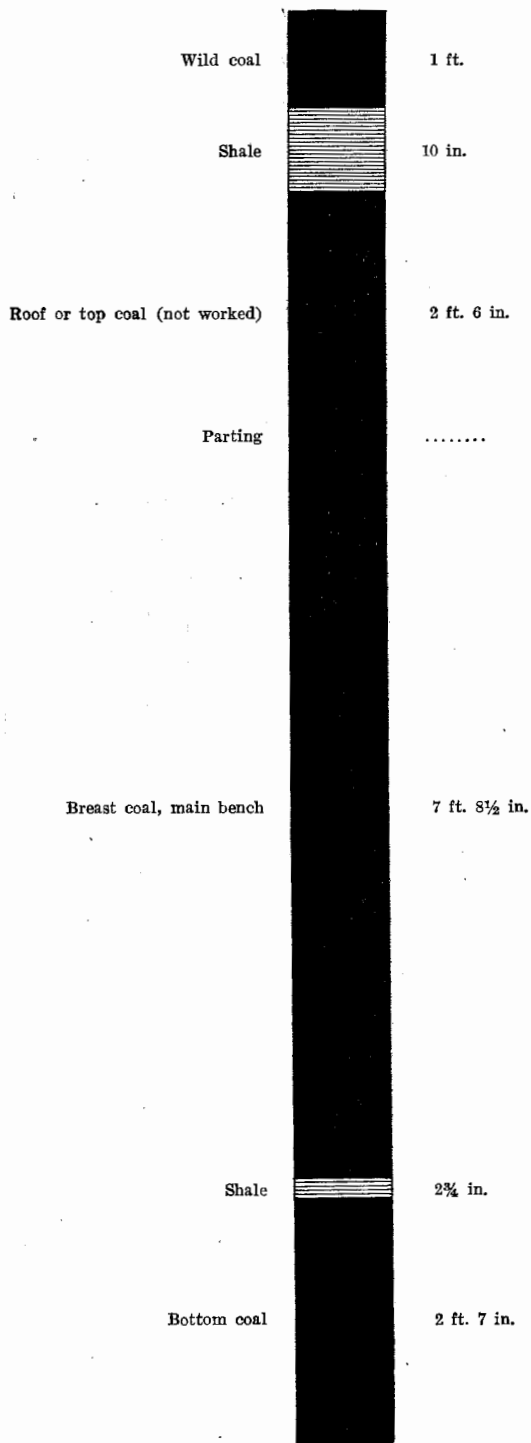
Bottom coal

2 ft. 5 in.

SCRAP NO. 1, DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, FRANKLIN HILL, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES NORTHWEST OF WESTERNPORT.



SCRAP NO. 2, DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, FRANKLIN HILL, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES NORTHWEST OF WESTERNPORT.



Redstone coal.—This seam appears at an interval of from 18 to 40 feet above the Pittsburg coal but is generally so thin and irregular as to have no economic value. Its proximity to the Pittsburg coal would render the seam unworkable even if it were otherwise valuable.

Section of Redstone Coal.

GEORGES CREEK AND BALD KNOB COAL COMPANY, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES NORTH OF MOUNT SAVAGE.

Coal



4 ft.

Lower Sewickley coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 40 to 45 feet above the Redstone coal. It has been cut on the Borden shaft and in the Pumping shaft of the Consolidation Coal Company and also outcrops on the property of the Maryland Coal Company. Its local separation from the Upper Sewickley or Tyson coal has already been described.

Section of Lower Sewickley Coal.

MARYLAND COAL COMPANY OPENING ABOVE KINGSLEY MINE, LONACONING.

Coal



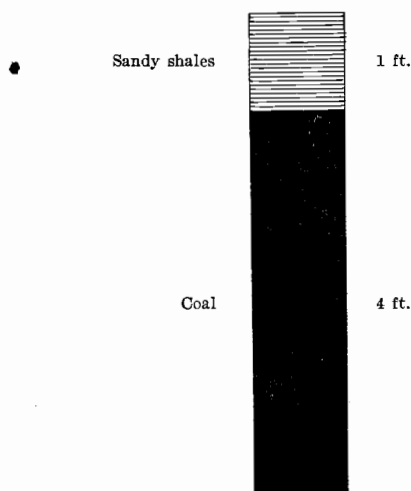
1 ft. 4 in.

Upper Sewickley (Tyson) coal.—This seam which is locally known as the "Gas coal" occurs at an interval of from 105 to 120 feet above

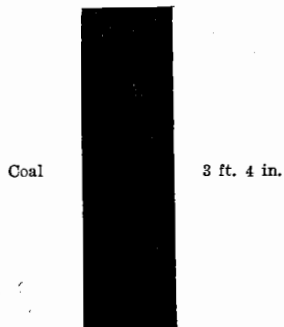
the Pittsburg and about 45 feet above the Lower Sewickley coal. This coal is very persistent and has considerable economic importance. It is being mined at a number of points at the present time. Like the Pittsburg coal this seam thickens from north to south and has its maximum development in the lower end of the Georges Creek basin.

Sections of Upper Sewickley Coal.

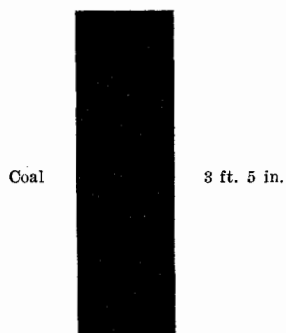
MINE ON EASTERN PART OF WITHER'S TRACT, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH-EAST OF LITTLE ALLEGHENY.



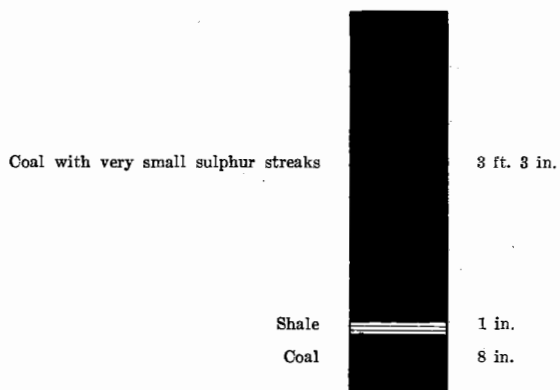
OPENING OF PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY, ECKHART.



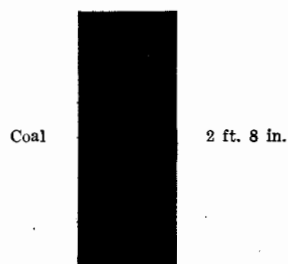
NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, NEAR HEAD OF KOONTZ PLANE, ONE-HALF MILE
SOUTH OF KOONTZ.



MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, DETMOLD HILL, OPPOSITE KOONTZ MINE, ONE-HALF
MILE SOUTH OF KOONTZ.



MARYLAND COAL COMPANY ON DETMOLD HILL, NEAR KINGSLEY MINE, ONE-HALF
MILE SOUTH OF KOONTZ.



GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY, ABOVE CEMETERY, ONE MILE NORTH OF
LONACONING.

Coal



3 ft. 1 in.

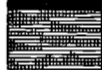
MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, NEAR KINGSLEY MINE, ONE MILE NORTH OF
LONACONING.

Coal



3 ft. 3 in.

Bone and shale



8 in.

AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, JACKSON HILL, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTH OF
LONACONING.

Bone
Shale2 in.
2 in.

Coal

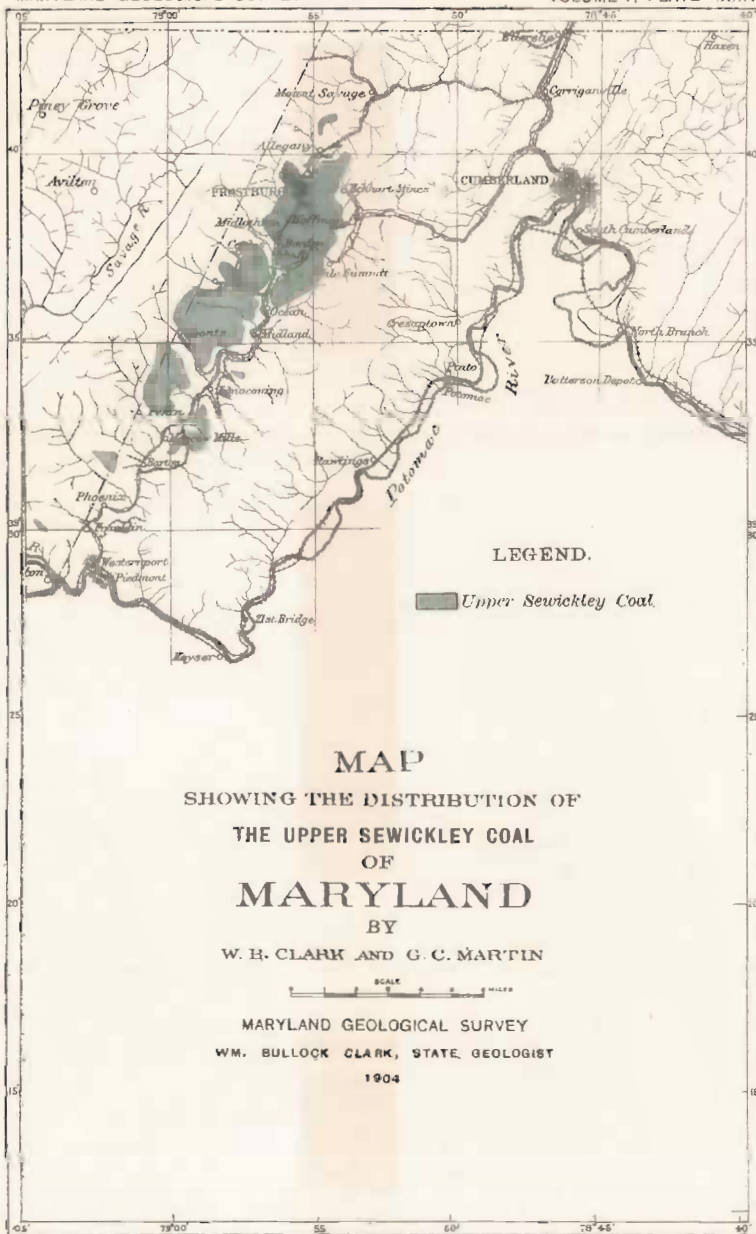


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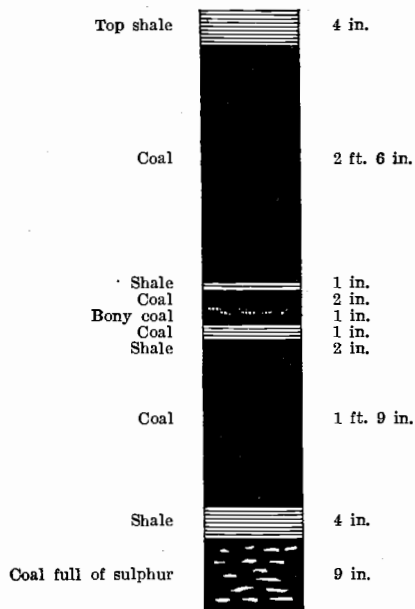
Shale and bone



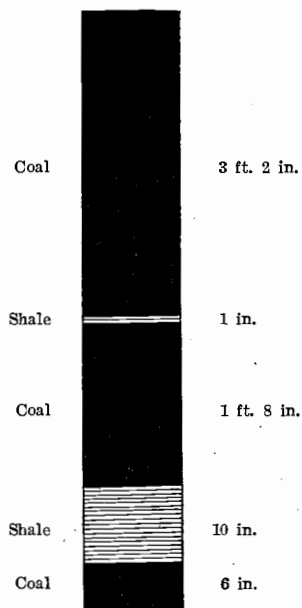
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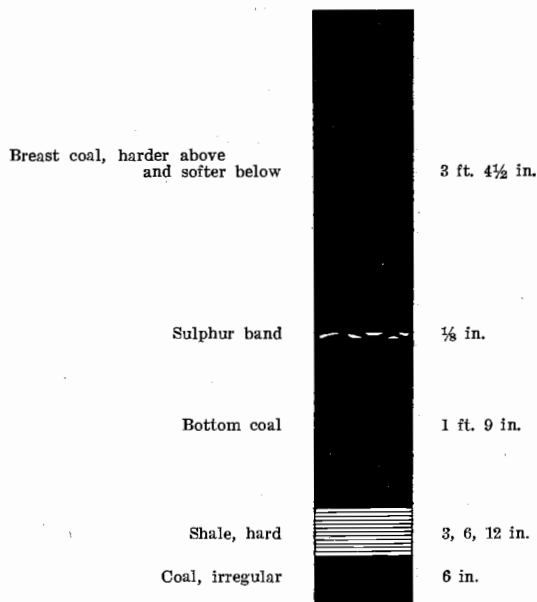


BARTON MINING COMPANY'S MINE AT BARTON.



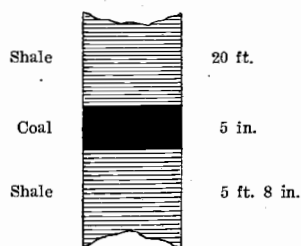
AMERICAN COAL COMPANY'S CALEDONIA MINE, ONE MILE WEST OF BARTON.



DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, FRANKLIN HILL, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHWEST
OF FRANKLIN.

Uniontown coal.—This seam is very thin and has been recognized in the Pumping shaft near Frostburg. It is a thin and unimportant seam and probably has at no point sufficient thickness to be of economic value.

PUMPING SHAFT, CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, FROSTBURG.

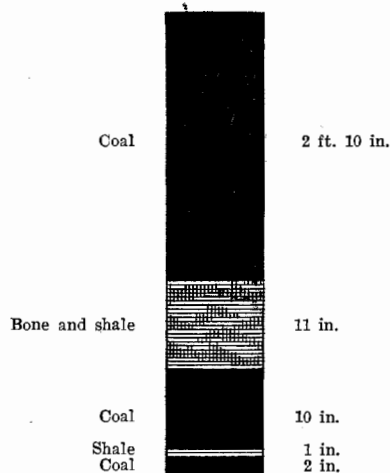


Waynesburg (Koontz) coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 220 to 240 feet above the Upper Sewickley coal. The area of

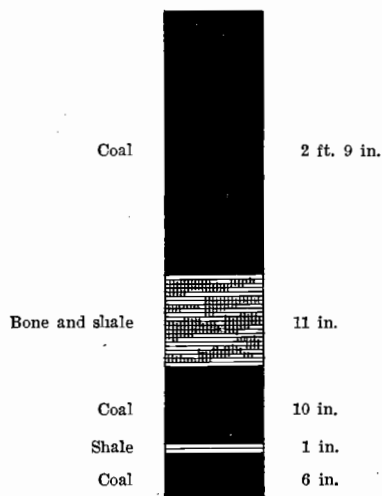
outcrop of this coal is small but the vein is persistent and has considerable economic value although it can never be of any great importance on account of the limited amount of coal. This coal is at the top of the Monongahela formation and has been locally known in the Georges Creek valley as the Koontz seam.

Sections of Waynesburg Coal.

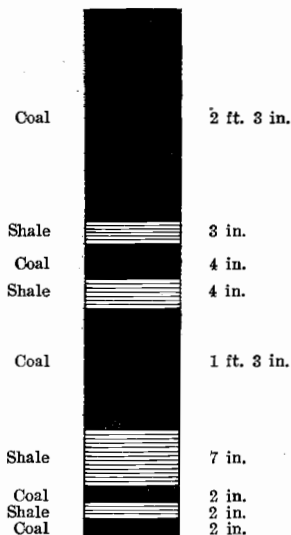
NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, NEAR HEAD OF KOONTZ MINE PLANE.



AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, NEAR LONACONING.



AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, NEAR LONACONING.

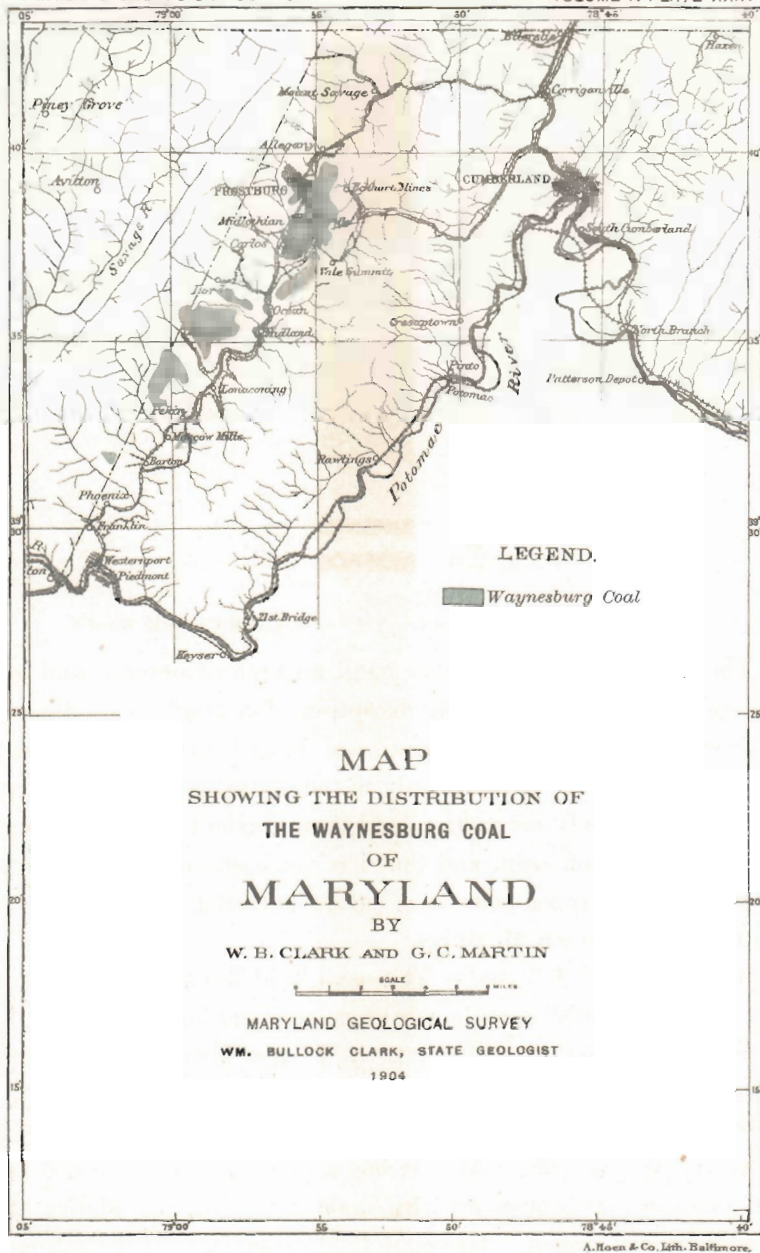


THE DUNKARD COALS OF THE GEORGES CREEK BASIN.

The Dunkard coals cover so small an area of outcrop and are in general so thin that with the exception of a single seam they have little economic value. These coals are limited entirely to the Georges Creek basin and are found mainly in the central portion of the region. They will probably never be mined to any extent with the exception of the Washington seam and that has not been very fully developed as yet. These upper beds were earlier referred to under the name of the Upper Barren Measures.

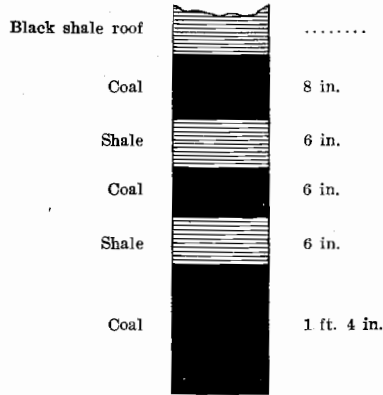
Waynesburg "A" coal.—This coal, which has a thickness of 2 feet on "Dug Hill" near Lonaconing, possesses no commercial value. It is generally found at from 40 to 45 feet above the Waynesburg coal.

Washington coal.—This coal occurs at an interval of about 120 feet above the Waynesburg coal. It has a thickness of between 3 and 4 feet more or less broken up with shale bands but the quality of the coal is not well known. Its small areal extent gives it little economic value.



Section of Washington Coal.

SECTION EAST OF PUMPING SHAFT, FROSTBURG.



Jollytown coal.—This coal occurs in a thin seam of small areal extent and has no commercial value.

THE UPPER POTOMAC BASIN.

The Upper Potomac basin is a syncline which is wider and shallower than the Georges Creek basin. It is a simple syncline from Piedmont to a point near Harrison where the axis forks by the development of a low anticline in the center of the broad basin. Between Piedmont and Harrison the Potomac meanders near, and in general west of, the synclinal axis. Between Harrison and Schell the river flows not far from the western fork of the axis, probably crossing it several times. Above Schell the river seems to be constantly to the east of the western fork of the axis.

The Maryland part of this basin is not deep enough to contain any coal above the Conemaugh formation, except in Fairfax Knob and in the small knob near Shaw where the Pittsburg coal was formerly mined.

The Lower Kittanning coal is of workable thickness and quality throughout the greater part of this basin. Below Stoyer it can all be mined by drift from the Potomac valley.

Above Stoyer it is all shaft coal except along the western outcrop. The dip is not great enough to prevent the coal from being readily

mined in all directions from shafts located anywhere along the line of the railroad. The coal is of exceptional thickness and quality above Gorman.

The Upper Freeport coal can be mined by drift from the center of the Potomac valley as far south as Bayard. Above this point it is all shaft coal except along the western outcrop. Like the Lower Kittanning, it becomes more valuable toward the south.

The Bakerstown coal is drift-coal in its entire area. It improves in quality and thickness toward the north, being most valuable in the region between Blaine and Windom. The Upper Kittanning and Lower Freeport are only locally workable. The former is known to be workable only in the region around Harrison, and the latter in the headwaters of Three-fork Run. Both of these seams are here drift-coal, and are shown by borings to be extremely thin or even absent in the upper part of the Potomac valley where they are below drainage.

THE POTTSVILLE COALS OF THE POTOMAC BASIN.

The Pottsville coals are practically unknown in the Potomac basin. Throughout most of the area the Pottsville formation lies below the river level while its outcrop on the mountain sides is obscured. The Pottsville coal seams generally are so thin and unimportant in Maryland that no development work has hitherto been undertaken in the Potomac basin. A few traces of coal below the base of the Allegheny formation have been observed although the so-called Railroad seam mentioned in earlier discussion of the Georges Creek basin and referred in part to the Pottsville coal seams has been referred by Dr. I. C. White in his West Virginia coal report,¹ to the Mercer Group and thus to the horizon of the Mt. Savage coal. It is probable, however, that most if not all of the Railroad seam above Piedmont should be regarded as the equivalent of the Clarion seam and therefore to be referred to the later or Allegheny formation.

It is not probable that any of these Pottsville coals, if ever pros-

¹ West Virginia Geol. Survey, vol. ii, 1903, p. 626.

pected, will be found to have any economic value. They are probably thin, unimportant beds and as in the Georges Creek basin may almost if not entirely disappear.

THE ALLEGHENY COALS OF THE POTOMAC BASIN.

The Allegheny coal seams are the most important of the coal beds of the Potomac basin. Several seams are found of workable thickness, two in particular being widespread and of increasing importance in proceeding up the valley. They reach their maximum development near the southern end of Garrett county where they are already the source of a large coal output at Henry on the West Virginia bank of the river. Prospect openings and bore-holes show that a large territory extending along the southern slopes of Big Backbone Mountain as far as the valley of the North Branch of the Potomac and beyond into West Virginia is underlain by coals of the Allegheny formation. As the overlying formations have been largely removed by erosion these coals can be readily reached by drifts or shallow shafts throughout the central part of the valley. They are thus much more accessible to railroad transportation over a large part of the area than in the Georges Creek basin where their greater thickness assures their earlier development. They will in the near future become next to the Pittsburg seam of the Georges Creek valley the chief source of supply for this region.

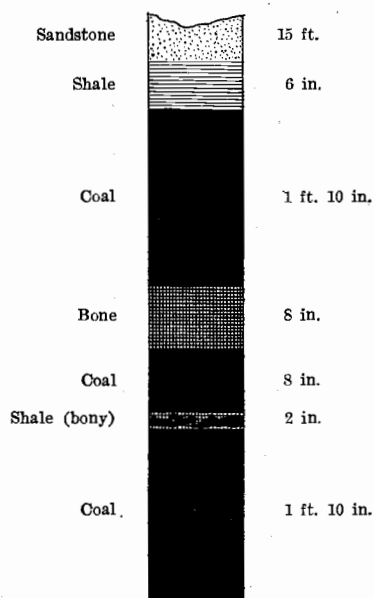
Brookville (Bluebaugh) coal.—The Brookville seam which is so important in the upper part of the Georges Creek basin but which has largely disappeared before the lower part of that area is reached is practically undeveloped in the Potomac basin. It is not probable that it will be found at any point of sufficient thickness to have commercial value.

Clarion coal.—The Clarion coal occurs at from 15 to 30 feet above the base of the Allegheny formation. It contains between 2 and 4 feet of coal in the Potomac basin although the various benches are frequently separated by partings of bone and shale. The Clarion coal of the Potomac basin has often been confused with the Pottsville

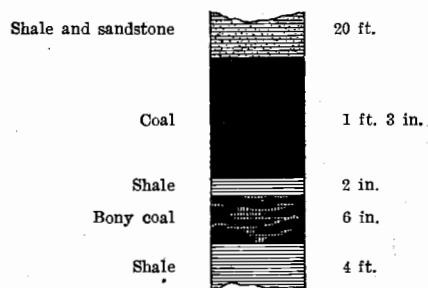
coals. In the northern part of the basin this coal is locally known as the "Railroad" seam since it is frequently exposed in the railroad cuttings.

Sections of Clarion Coal.

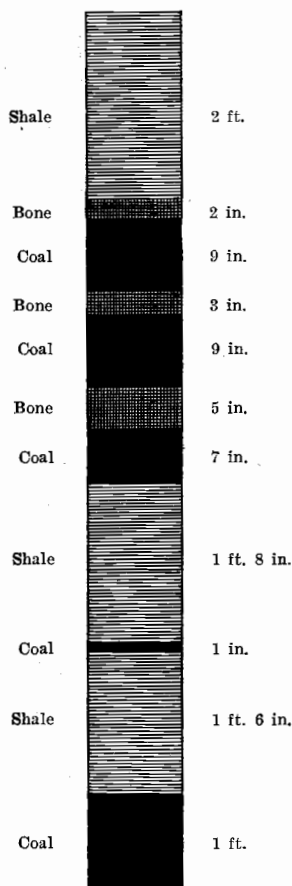
PROSPECT ON NORTH BANK OF LAUREL RUN, ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF EMPIRE.



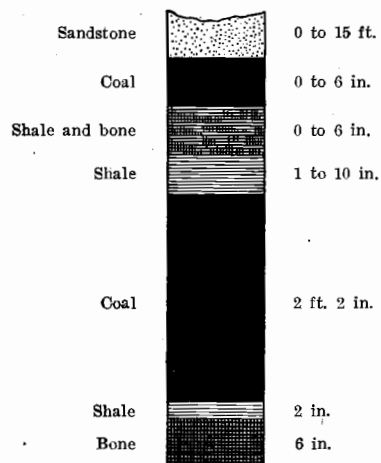
CUT ON W. VA. C. R. R. JUST BELOW WARNICK'S.



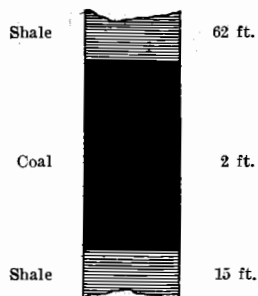
OPENING BELOW LOWER FORK OF THREE-FORK CREEK, ONE MILE WEST OF CHAFFEE.



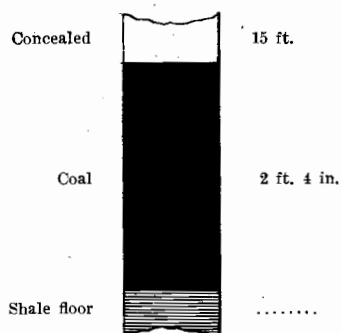
TWO HUNDRED YARDS NORTH OF STATION AT CHAFFEE.



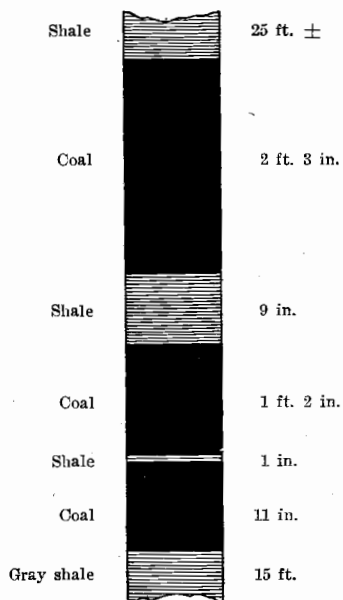
SECTION ON FAHEY'S PLANE NEAR BLAINE.



EAST OF HARRISON.



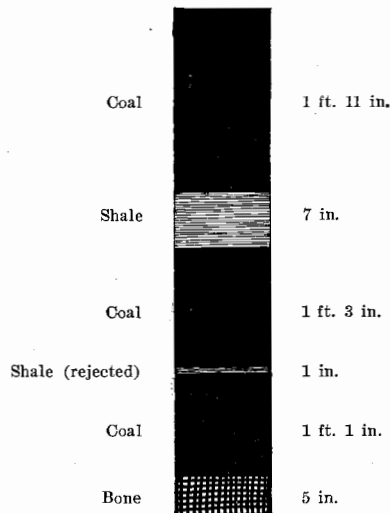
CUT ON B. & O. R. R. ABOVE BLACK BEAR MINE.



Lower (and Middle) Kittanning (Davis or "Six-foot") coal.— This seam is the most important in the Potomac basin. It covers a large part of the region especially in the southern part of the valley where it underlies the entire area. As in the Georges Creek valley, this coal is often separated into two quite distinct seams by a shale

Sections of Lower and Middle Kittanning Coal.

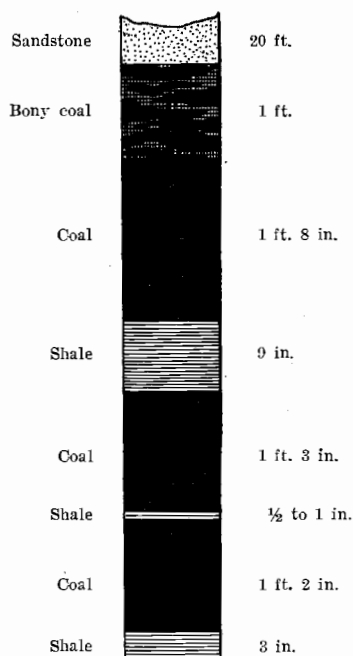
PROSPECT THREE-FOURTHS MILE WEST OF WINDOM.



parting that may at times reach several feet in thickness. It is probable, therefore, that this seam is the equivalent of the Lower and Middle Kittanning of Pennsylvania. This coal occurs from 90 to 150 feet above the base of the formation and from 170 to 210 feet below the top. It is at times considerably broken up by shale and bone partings although generally one or more benches consist of clean high-grade coal of workable thickness. The entire seam varies from 4 to 6 feet in thickness, which in the southern end of the basin


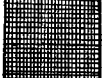

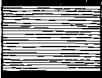
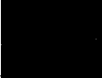

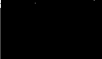
may at times reach nearly 8 feet in thickness. It is much less squeezed in the southern part of the area than in the northern, the so-called "faults" earlier described in the case of this seam in the Georges Creek basin being much less frequent. This coal is known throughout most of the basin as the Davis seam from Davis, West

BELOW WINDOM, EAST SIDE OF RIVER.



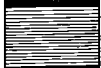





Virginia, where it was first worked extensively by the Davis Coal and Coke Company. In the vicinity of Piedmont, West Virginia, it has been more frequently referred to under the name of the "Six-foot" seam.

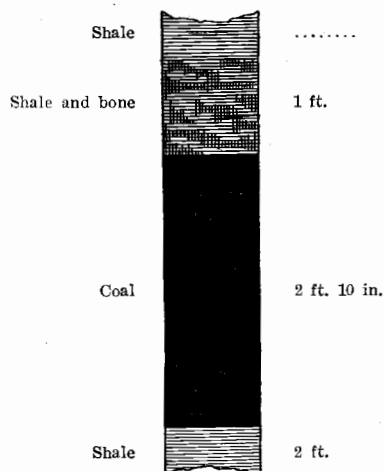
BARNUM MINE, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF BARNUM.

Coal		0 to 6 in.
Bone		1 ft. 4 in.
Coal		1 ft. 10 in.
Shale		8 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		10 in.

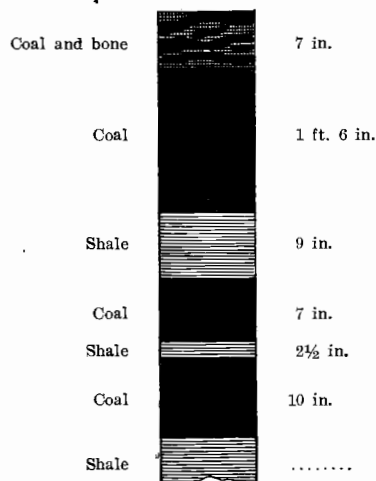
BARNUM MINE, FURTHER IN, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF BARNUM.

Bony coal		1 ft. 3 in.
Coal		1 ft. 9 in.
Shale		8 in.
Coal		10 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		10 in.

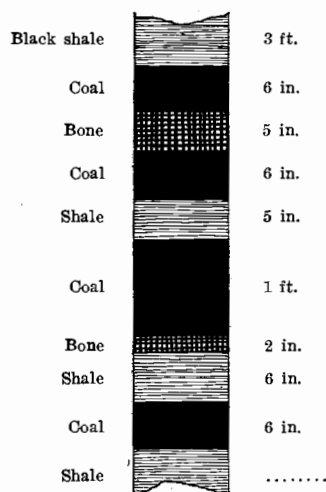
OPENING ON ELKCLICK RUN, ONE MILE EAST OF MT. ZION CHURCH.



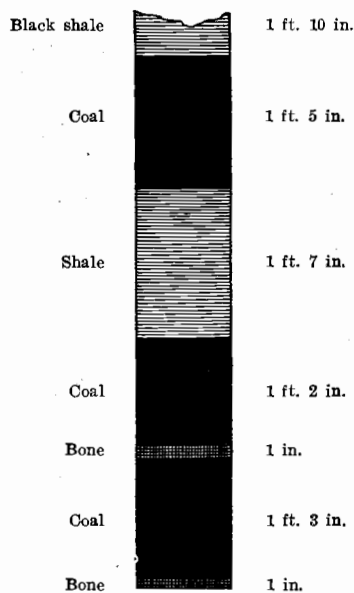
SMALL OPENING ON MARYLAND SIDE OF RIVER, ONE-HALF MILE ABOVE SHAW.




UPPER OPENING ON SOUTH FORK OF THREE-FORK CREEK, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES
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HAMIL'S LOWER OPENING, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTH OF BLAINE.



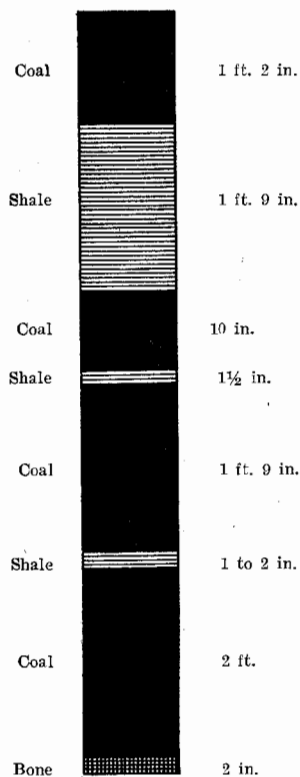
KITZMILLER MINE, NEAR BLAINE.

Shale with many fossils		.....
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		10 in.
Coal		11 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 11 in.
Bone		1 in.

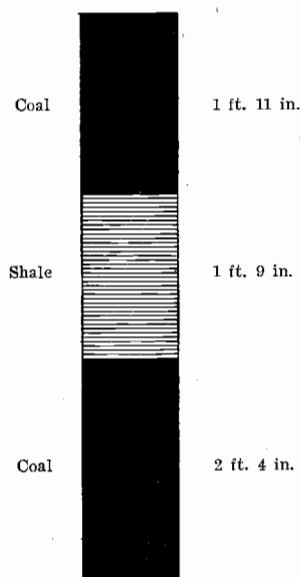
BLAINE COAL COMPANY, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES WEST OF BLAINE.

Top coal		1 ft. 2 in.
Bone		2½ in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.
Shale		1½ in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.


FAHEY'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF BLAINE.



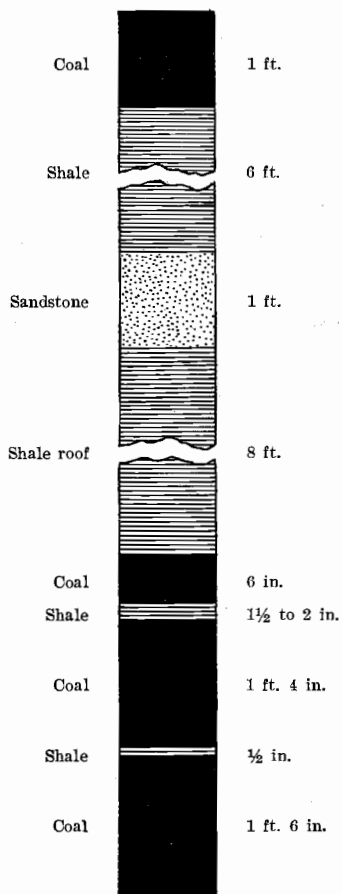
R. A. SMITH'S MINE, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF BLAINE.



NORTH FORK OF LOSTLAND RUN, THREE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES WEST OF
HARRISON.

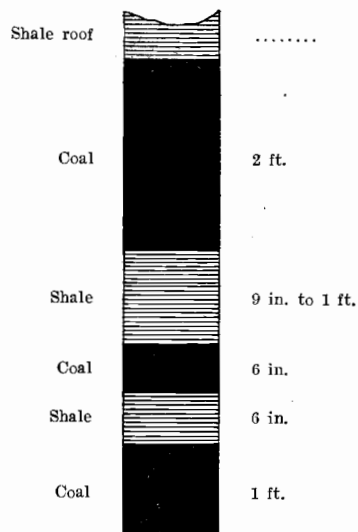
Coal and bone		10 in.
Shale		1 ft. 7 in.
Coal		1 ft. 1 in.
Shale		1 ft. 3 in.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		8 in.

MINE ON SOUTH FORK OF LOSTLAND RUN, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILES NORTH-
EAST OF TASKER CORNER.

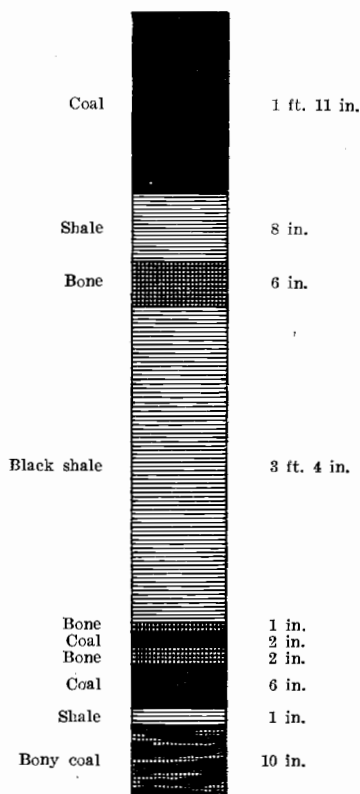


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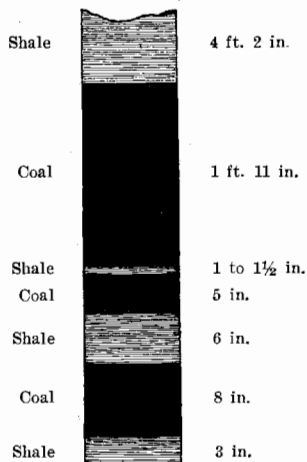
MINE ON OLD TRAM ABOVE HARRISON.



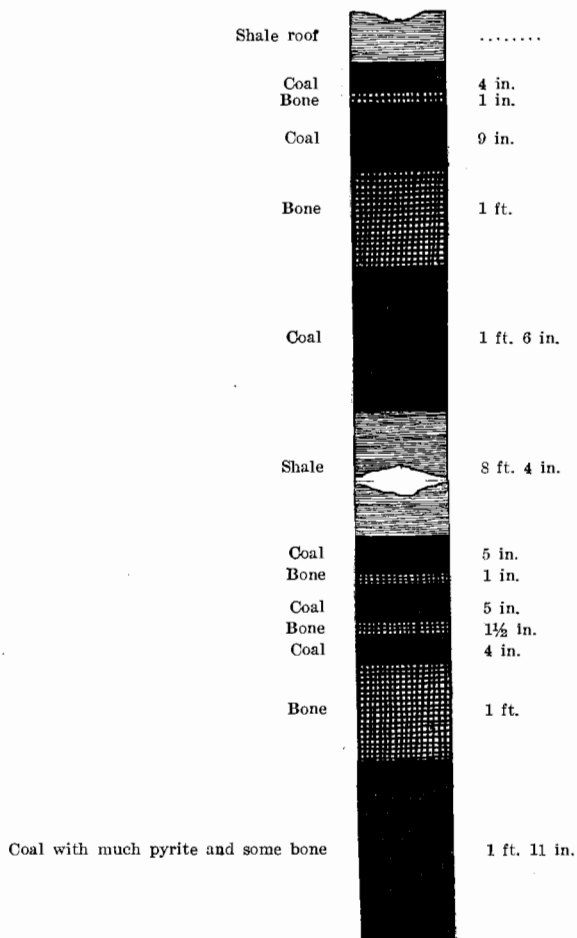
PROSPECT ON HILL ABOVE SCHELL.



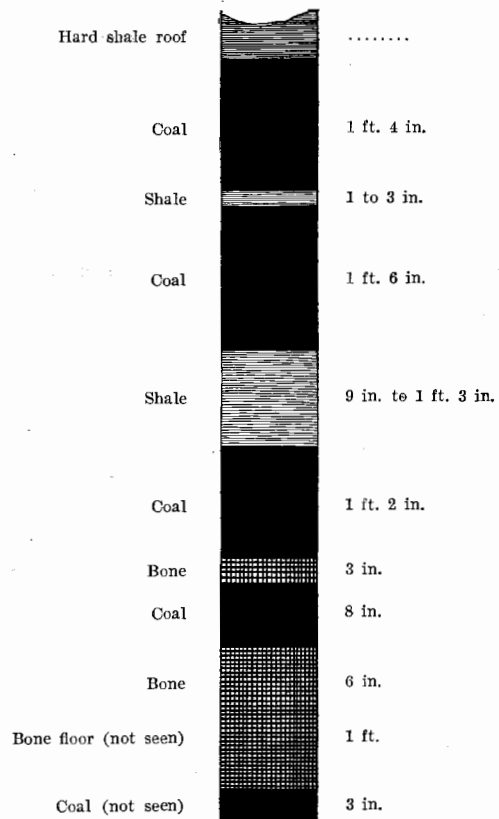
CLARK'S OPENING, ABOVE WITMER'S TRAMROAD, WEST VIRGINIA SIDE OF RIVER,
OPPOSITE WALLMAN.







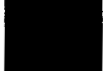

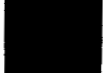

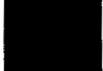


OPENING UP CREEK, ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF STOYER.



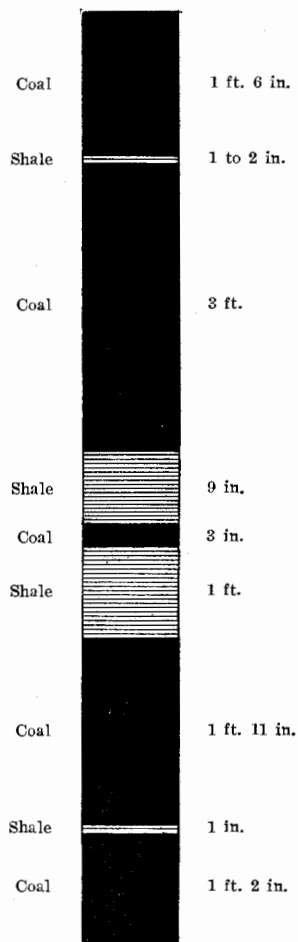
W. H. COSNER'S OPENING, NORTH FORK OF SAND RUN, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES
NORTHWEST OF WILSON.



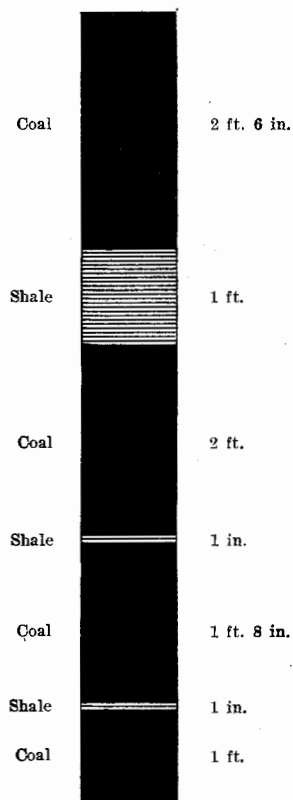
WASHINGTON ARNOLD'S MINE, ON NORTH FORK OF LAUREL RUN, TWO AND ONE-
FOURTH MILES NORTHWEST OF DOBBIN.

Coal		1 ft.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		2 ft. 2 in.
Shale		1 ft.
Coal		10 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		11 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		10 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		1 ft. 5 in.

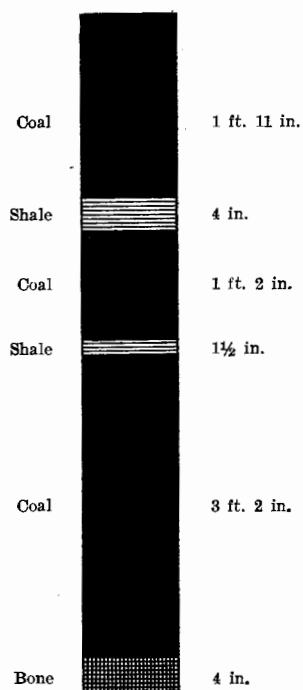
MINE OWNED BY DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, SOUTH FORK OF LAUREL RUN,
ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES NORTHWEST OF BEECHWOOD.



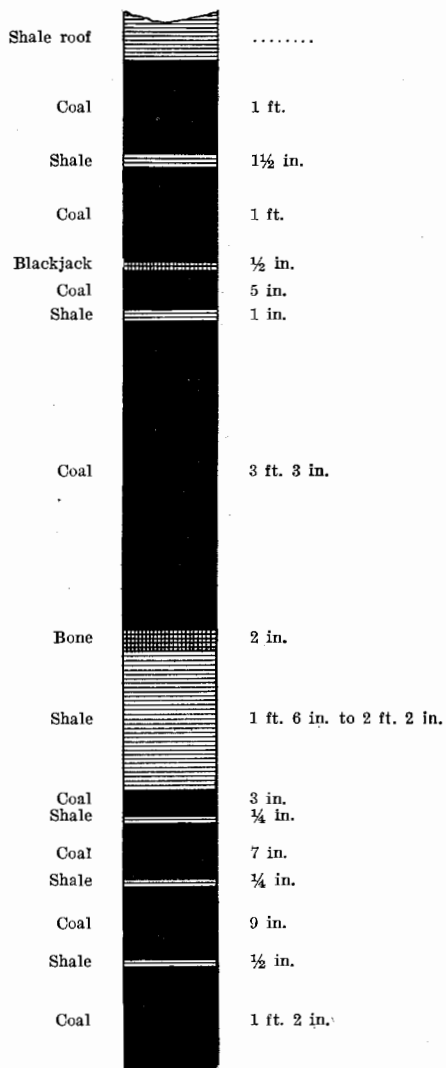
SECTION IN SHAFT (DAVIS SEAM), DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, HENRY.



EAST OF SHAFT (DAVIS SEAM), DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, THOMAS.



ROOM OFF SIX-FOOT TUNNEL, DAVIS SEAM, SHAFT AT THOMAS.

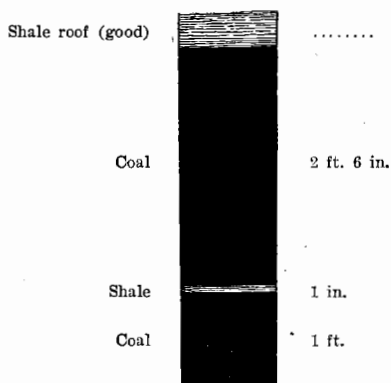


Upper Kittanning coal.—This seam occurs from 35 to 65 feet above the top of the Lower Kittanning coal in the Potomac basin where it has been found to reach a thickness of between 3 and 4 feet of clean

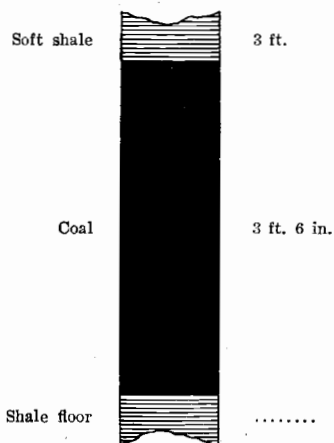
coal. It has not been opened at many points and its extent in the basin cannot be definitely determined. It is probable, however, that it is much less persistent than either the Lower Kittanning or Upper Freeport seams as it is apparently absent or unimportant at many points.

Section of Upper Kittanning Coal.

TASKER'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF SWANTON.





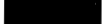
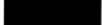
ANOTHER OPENING ON HILLSIDE, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF HARRISON.












Lower Freeport coal.—The Lower Freeport coal is a thin and unimportant seam in the Potomac basin and elsewhere within the State. It occurs at an interval of 55 to 80 feet above the Upper Kittanning and from 100 to 140 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal and is commonly found from 35 to 60 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation. This seam probably will not be found to occur with sufficient thickness to possess any commercial value and is much less persistent in occurrence and uniform in character than the other seams of this basin.

Sections of Upper Freeport Coal.

FIRE-COAL MINE, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHWEST OF BARNUM.

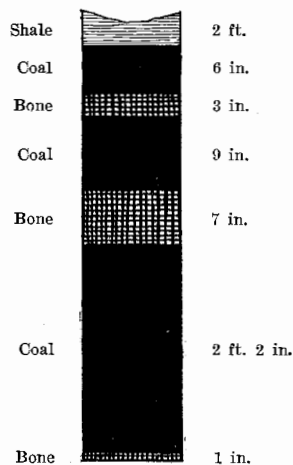
Bone		3 in.
Coal		1 ft. 7 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		3 in.

TACKER'S, ON RIVER FRONT, ONE MILE NORTH OF CHAFFEE.

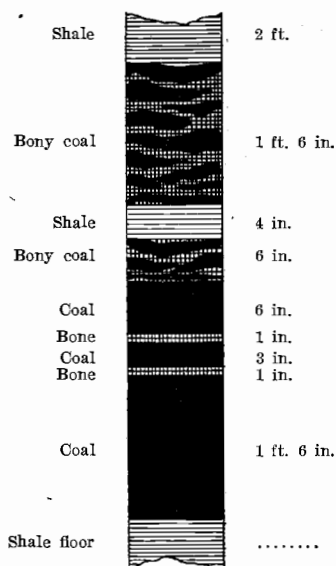
Sandstone and shale		10 ft.
Coal		8 in.
Bone		8 in.
Shale		2 in.
Bone		1 ft. 1 in.
Coal		5 in.
Bone		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 6 in.
Shale floor		.....

Upper Freeport (Thomas or "Three-foot") coal.—This seam caps the Allegheny formation and is found at an interval of from 165 to 210 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal. This seam is known

HAMIL'S MINE, ONE MILE NORTHEAST OF BLAINE.

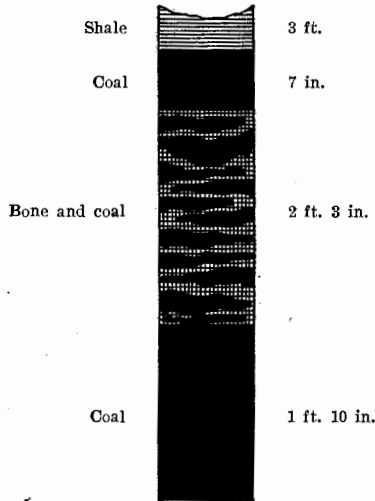


HAMIL'S OPENING, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF BLAINE.

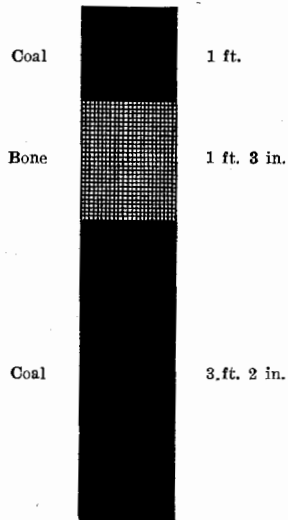


locally as the Thomas or "Three-foot" coal. It is the upper vein at Thomas, West Virginia, where it has been extensively mined by the Davis Coal and Coke Company. It is a very persistent seam

SMALL OPENING UP OLD ROAD TO WEST FROM FOREGOING.

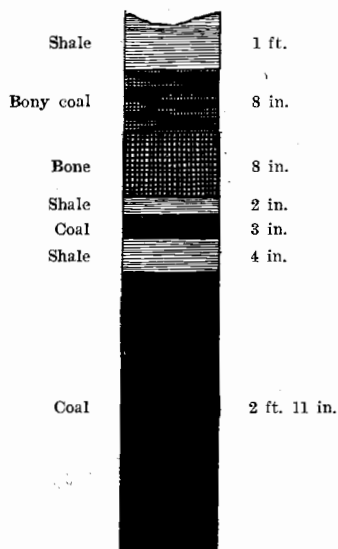


R. A. SMITH'S MINE, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF BLAINE.

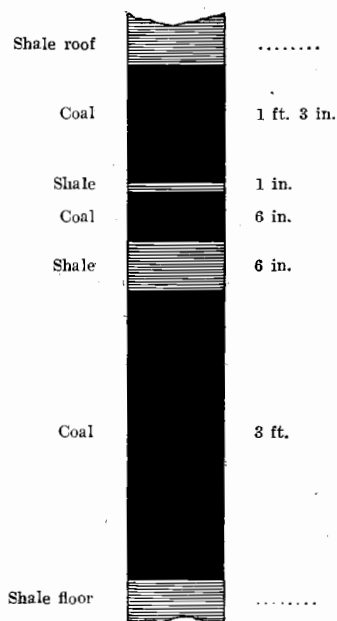


and commonly contains from 2 to 4 feet of good coal but may at times exceed 5 feet in thickness especially in the southern part of the Po-

MINE BETWEEN ELKGARDEN AND BLAINE.

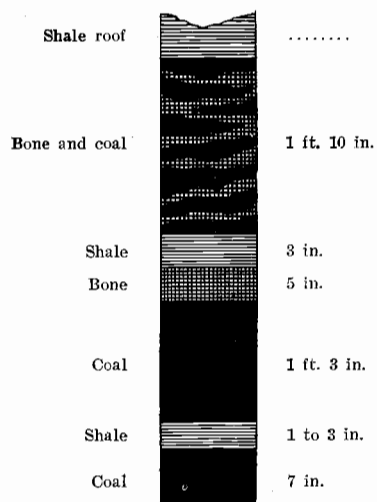


OPENING ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF HARRISON.

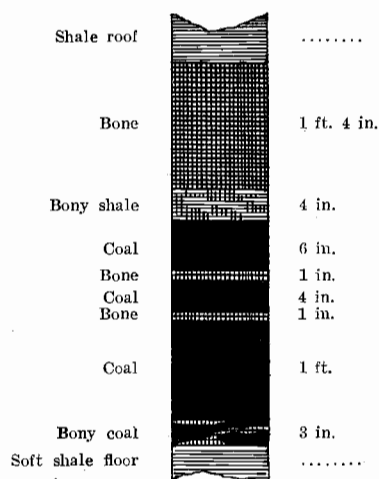


tomac basin where it may at times be worked from the same shaft as the Lower Kittanning coal, as at Henry.

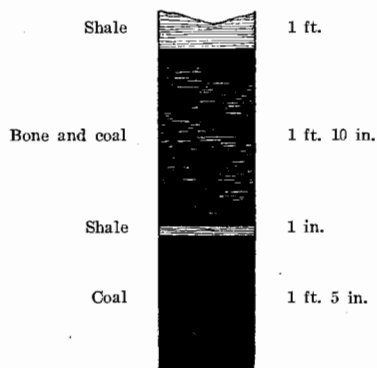
JOS. O'HAYER'S MINE ON TROUT RUN, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF SCHELL.



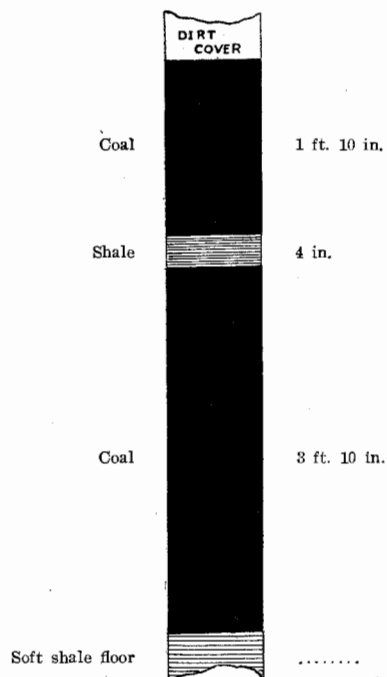
BENJAMIN HARVEY'S MINE, NORTH BRANCH NYDECKER RUN, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF GORMAN.



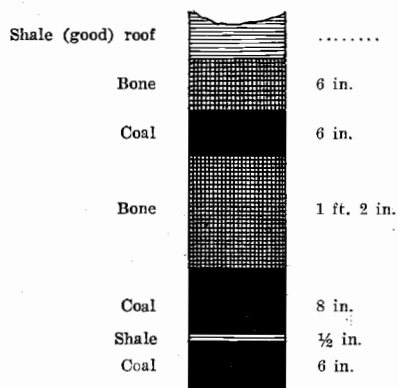
MINE ON WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF GORMAN.



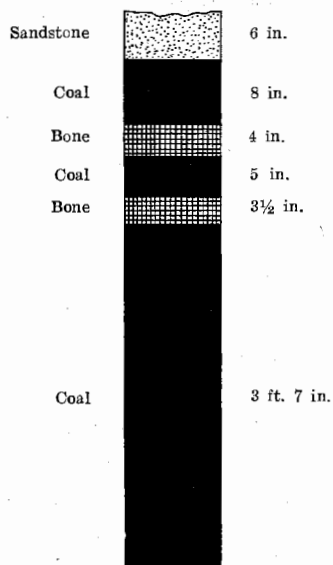
JAKE ANDERSON'S PROSPECT, MOON RIDGE, THREE MILES WEST OF WILSON.



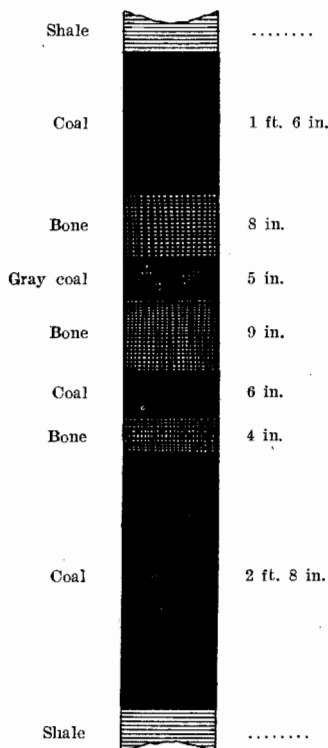
OPENING OPPOSITE GORMANIA.



SECTION IN SHAFT ("THOMAS SEAM"), DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, HENRY,



DAVIS MINE ("THOMAS SEAM"), DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY, THOMAS.



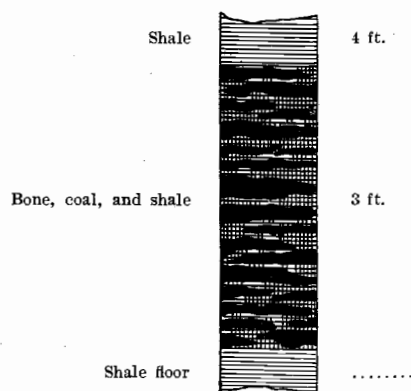
THE CONEMAUGH COALS OF THE POTOMAC BASIN.

The Conemaugh coals are of very much less importance than the Allegheny coals and cover a much more restricted area. They consist of only a single seam that may be considered to have any considerable economic value, viz., the Bakerstown seam. On account of the small amount of coal developed in the formation it was named by the earlier geologists the Lower Barren Measures.

Mahoning coal.—This seam is very irregular and at no point in the Potomac basin attains to coal of economic value. At times it disappears altogether or is represented by a thin impure bed. It occurs between the Upper and Lower Mahoning sandstones at an interval of from 45 to 60 feet above the Upper Freeport coal.

Section of Mahoning Coal.

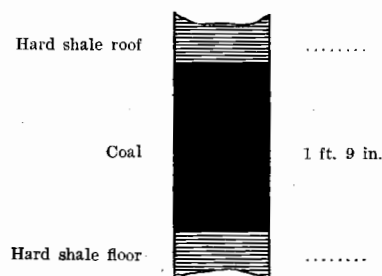
TASKER'S, ON RIVER FRONT, SEAM C, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF CHAFFEE.



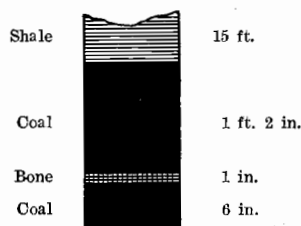
Brush Creek (Masontown) coal.—This seam is quite persistent and contains a bed of coal generally somewhat less than 2 feet in thickness. The coal where observed has been found to be of fair quality but the thickness of the seam does not indicate that it can be profitably developed in the Potomac basin. This bed occurs at an interval of about 95 feet above the Mahoning and from 75 to 100 feet above the Upper Freeport coal.

Sections of Brush Creek Coal.

TASKER'S, ON RIVER FRONT, SEAM B, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF CHAFFEE.



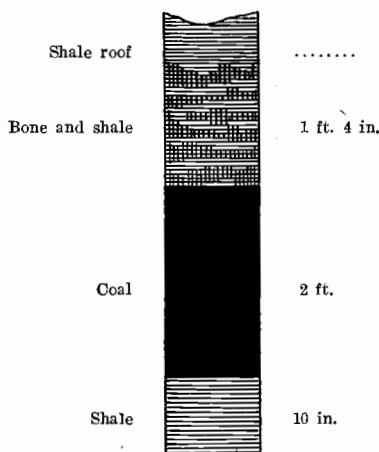
HAMIL'S OPENING, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF BLAINE.



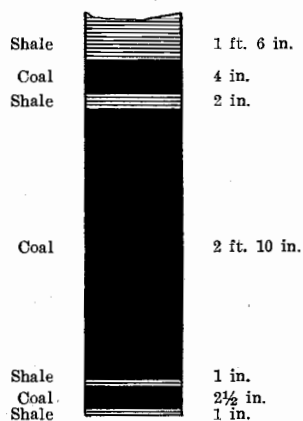
Bakerstown (*Barton* or "*Four-foot*") *coal*.—This seam is the most important of the Conemaugh coals. It is somewhat variable in thickness but very persistent although some of the layers are more or less bony. It has a thickness of from 2 to 4 feet, the thickest and best development of the coal being found in the northern part of the basin although it seldom attains that thickness. This seam occurs at an interval of from 90 to 135 feet above the Brush Creek coal.

Sections of Bakerstown Coal.

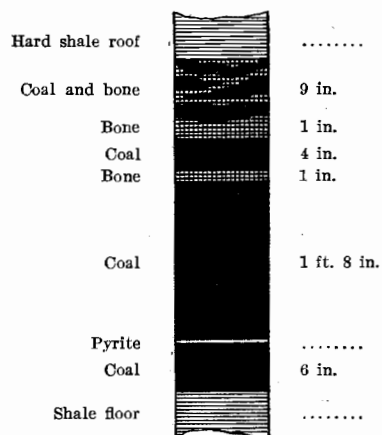
PATTISON MINE, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF BLOOMINGTON.



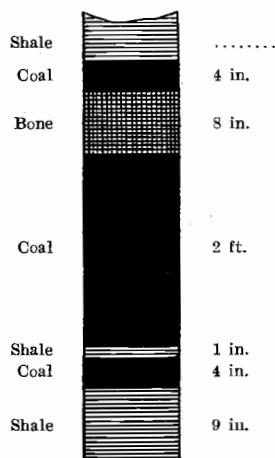
GEO. W. TICHINEL'S MINE, THREE-FORK RUN, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH-
WEST OF CHAFFEE.



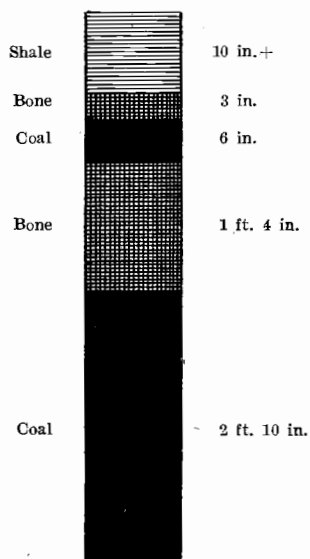
GEO. W. TICHINEL'S MINE, SAME LOCALITY AS PRECEDING.



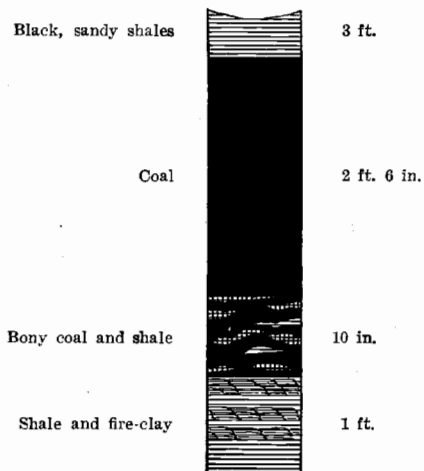
MONROE COAL MINING COMPANY, ONE MILE WEST OF BARNUM.



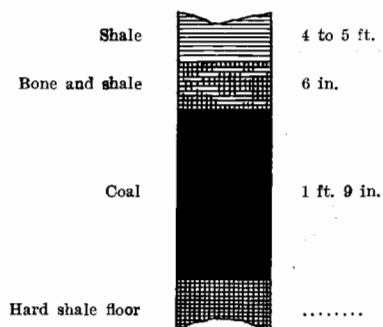
SHARPLESS MINE, TWO MILES SOUTHEAST OF SWANTON.



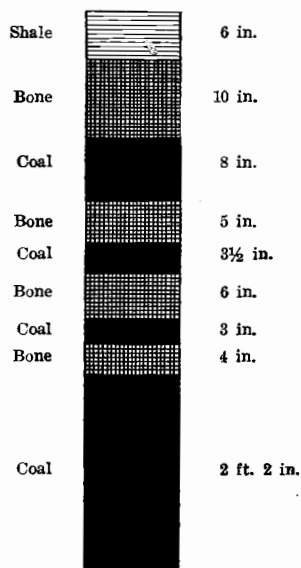
SECTION EAST OF SHAW (IN WEST VIRGINIA).



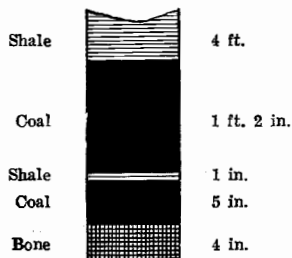
TASKER'S, ON RIVER FRONT, SEAM A, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF CHAFFEE.



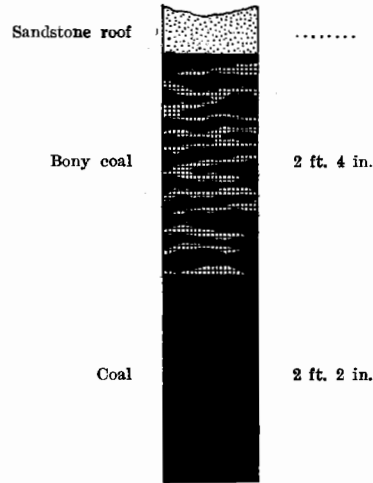
RUDOLPH BECKMAN'S MINE, THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF BLAINE.



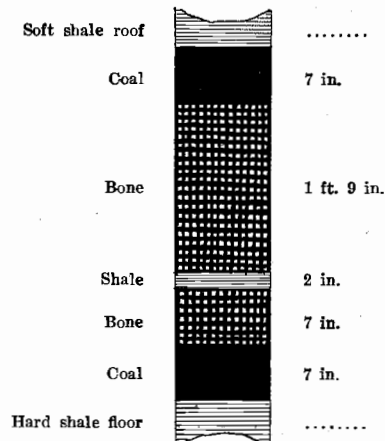
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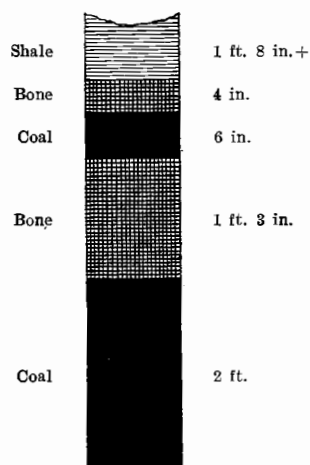
A. WILSON'S MINE, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHEAST OF TASKER CORNERS.



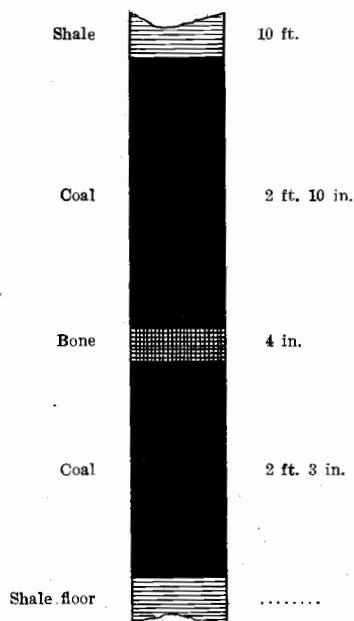
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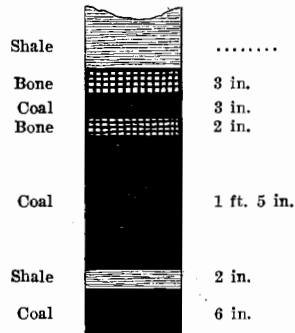
FIRE-COAL MINE ON STOYER PROPERTY, THREE-FOURTHS MILE NORTH OF STOYER.



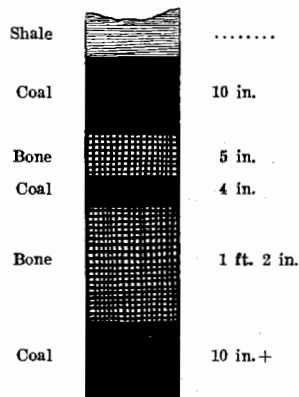
GEORGE STOYER'S MINE, ONE MILE NORTHEAST OF STOYER.



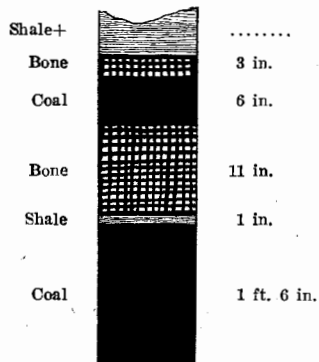
MINE THREE-EIGHTHS MILE NORTHWEST OF BAYARD.



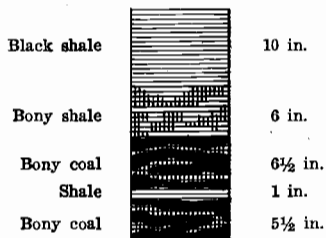
OPENING WEST OF SAWMILL AT BAYARD.



MINE ON HILL SOUTHEAST OF BAYARD.



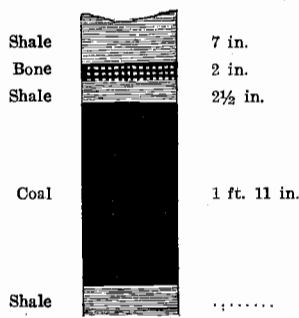
SMALL OPENING TWENTY-NINE FEET ABOVE MOUTH OF SHAFT, HENRY.



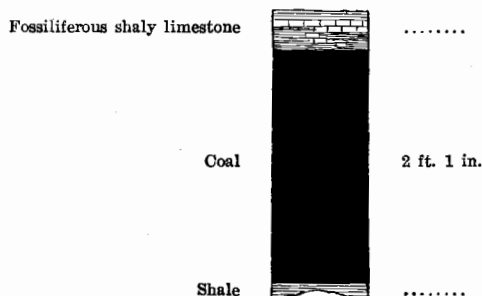
Friendsville (Crinoidal) coal.—This seam is variable and at no point reaches a sufficient thickness to have more than local economic value. It is generally less than 2 feet in thickness although it slightly exceeds that amount at one point. Its quality is of good grade but its extent is not fully known. It has less areal extent than any other seams of the Potomac basin, being found well up in beds of Conemaugh formation. This seam occurs at an interval of about 100 feet above the Bakerstown coal and is apparently best developed in the southern or central portion of the Potomac basin.

Sections of Friendsville Coal.

STOTTLEMEYER'S MINE, ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF MT. ZION CHURCH.



JAMES HARVEY'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES SOUTH OF KELSO GAP.



Other coals.—The higher seams of the Conemaugh formation are poorly developed in the Potomac basin. They all occur in limited areas, chiefly in the southern part of the basin where very few attempts have been made to examine them hitherto. It is doubtful whether any of them occur in sufficient thickness to possess an economic value.

THE MONONGAHELA COALS OF THE POTOMAC BASIN.

The Monongahela coals are practically absent from the Potomac basin, the beds of the Monongahela formation being found only in two very small isolated areas on the Maryland side of the North Branch of the Potomac river. The chief occurrence is on the hill to the northwest of Shaw where a thick but very small body of Pittsburg or "Big Vein" coal was found. This small tract was long since entirely worked out so that the coal there found has no economic significance at the present time. Another small area is found not far from the Fairfax Stone. A much larger tract of "Big Vein" coal occurs at Elkgarden on the West Virginia side of the river and has been extensively mined at that point for many years by the Davis Coal and Coke Company.

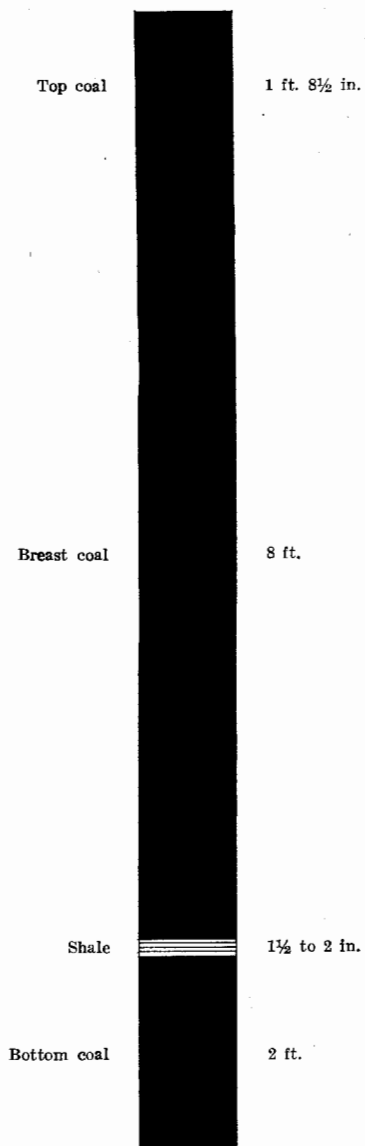
None of the Monongahela coals above the Pittsburg seam have been found in the Potomac basin as all of the strata above that horizon have been entirely removed by erosion.

Sections of Pittsburg Coal.

FIRE-COAL OPENING ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILES NORTHWEST OF SHAW.

Coal		3 ft. 4 in.
Shale parting		.....
Coal		3 in.
Bone		4 in.
Coal		4 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Coal		3 ft. 7 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 6 in. +
Floor not seen		.....

SECTION No. 6 OPENING AT ELKGARDEN.



THE CASTLEMAN BASIN.

The Castleman basin is a simple shallow syncline with gentle dips and a still gentler northeastward pitch of its axis. It does not contain any Pittsburg coal in its Maryland portion. The axis of the basin extends in an almost straight line through the eastern end of Grantsville, the forks of the Castleman river, and Bittinger.

The Conemaugh seams can be almost entirely mined by drift from the Castleman valley. The only exception to this is that the Grantsville seam in the very center of the basin would have to be reached by slopes or shallow shafts.

The Allegheny seams are almost entirely shaft coal. They underlie a very large area but their thickness and quality are very imperfectly known. The bore-hole at Jennings Mill which gives our only section of them showed that they were not workable at this immediate point. They should be tested at other points, where they will probably be found to be workable under large portions of the valley. The bore-hole at Jennings Mill, which was located very slightly east of the axis of the basin, showed the Upper Freeport at a depth of 193 feet, and the Lower Kittanning at a depth of 341 feet. The detailed record of this boring is given on pages 250 and 253 of this report. These seams can be reached at approximately these depths anywhere along the line of Jennings Bros. R. R. The deepest part of the basin is somewhat west of the railroad.

THE POTTSVILLE COALS OF THE CASTLEMAN BASIN.

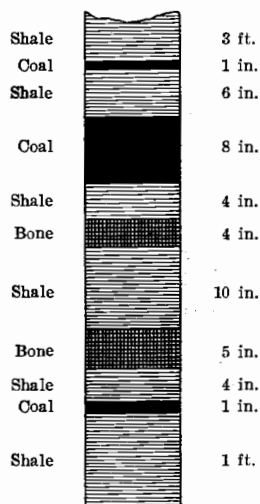
The Pottsville coals have not been prospected to any extent in the Castleman basin. They are all thin, unimportant seams, as elsewhere in Maryland, and will probably never be found of sufficient thickness to have any economic value. The Pottsville formation outcrops around the margin of the basin but no coal seams of any significance have ever been observed at any point. The Mt. Savage coal has been found a short distance to the north of the Pennsylvania line but not of sufficient thickness to possess any value. There is

very little chance that any of the Pottsville seams will be found to have even local value and they are hardly worth the time and money that would be required to exploit and develop them.

Mount Savage coal.—The Mount Savage seam has little or no economic value in the Castleman basin. Traces of its presence may be found here and there below the Homewood sandstone and an opening has been made on Piney Run a short distance north of the Mason and Dixon Line. At this point it is very impure and bony and offers little inducement for further prospecting for this seam in the Maryland portion of the basin.

Section of Mount Savage Coal.

OPENING ON PINEY RUN, A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH OF THE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



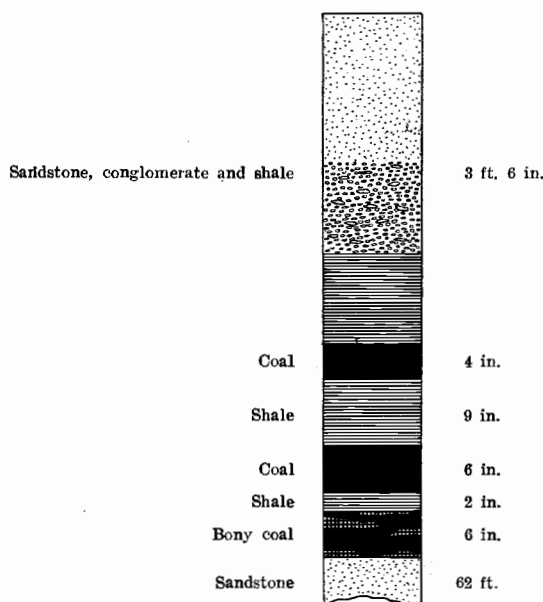
THE ALLEGHENY COALS OF THE CASTLEMAN BASIN.

The Allegheny coals lie at considerable depth beneath the Castleman basin except around the margins of the syncline. They have been very little prospected hitherto and the thickness and extent of these coals are less fully known in this basin than elsewhere in the State.

More extensive drilling will be required to determine the value and extent of the Allegheny coals than has been hitherto undertaken. The single bore-hole at Jennings Mill does not show that the Allegheny coals at that point have any great thickness but as all of the seams vary more or less from point to point the extent and character of the Allegheny coals cannot be considered as proven by a single drilling. It is quite possible that none of the seams will be found to have the same thickness in this region as in the other basins but there is hardly sufficient information at the present time to determine definitely this point. The Allegheny coals present in workable seams will be found to cover a much larger area than the higher coals but will have to be reached over the greater part of the basin by comparatively deep shafts.

Section of Brookville Coal.

OPENING ON PINEY RUN NORTH OF MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.

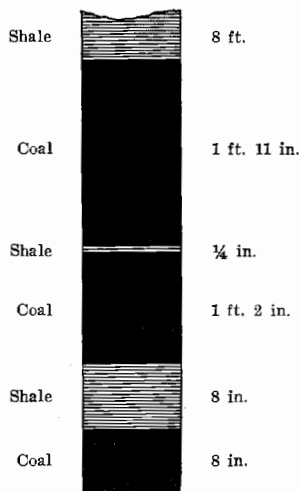


Brookville (Bluebaugh) coal.—The Brookville seam has probably very little economic value in the Castleman basin. It has been found a short distance to the north of the Pennsylvania line where the coal shows a thickness of less than 1 foot. It has not been opened at any point within the Maryland portion of the basin and there are no indications that the coal will be found in sufficient quantity to be of any value.

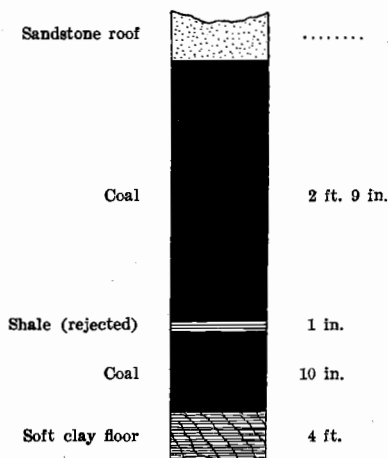
Clarion (Parker) coal.—The Clarion seam is much better developed than the Brookville in the Castleman basin, having been found at a number of points of sufficient thickness to show its probable commercial value. It has not been seen over any large portion of the basin since it is deeply buried except around the margins and more prospecting work will be required before the extent and character of the coal can be fully determined. The Clarion seam is found from 15 to 30 feet above the base of the Allegheny formation. It shows a thickness of over 3 feet of good coal.

Sections of Clarion Coal.

OPENING ON PINEY RUN NORTH OF THE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



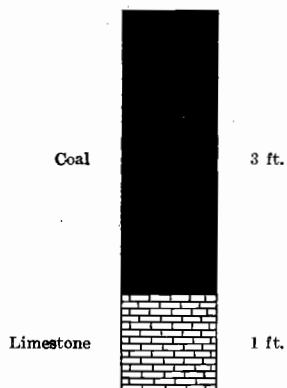
OPENING OF M. LEGER, THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF BITTINGER.



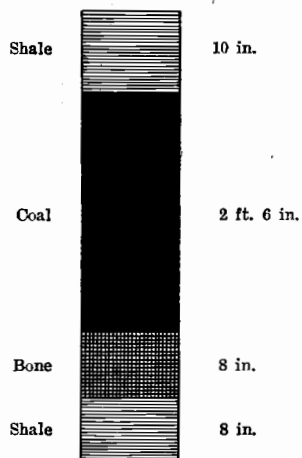
Lower (and Middle) Kittanning (Bender) coal.—This seam, so important in the Georges Creek and Potomac basins, has much less thickness in the Castleman basin, although the extent and character of the coal are not as fully worked out in the latter area as in the former. This seam is deeply buried over most of the basin while comparatively few openings have been made around the margin of the region. The single bore-hole at Jennings Mill shows that the seam is not very thick at that point but as this coal is more or less variable in the other basins this single bore-hole does not finally determine the character of this seam. To the north of the Pennsylvania line this coal is found of workable thickness and it is probable that it will upon further investigation be found to be important from a commercial standpoint over portions at least of the Castleman basin. This coal occurs from 90 to 150 feet above the base of the Allegheny formation and from 170 to 210 feet below the top. It has been locally known in the Castleman basin under the name of the Bender seam.

Sections of Lower Kittanning Coal.

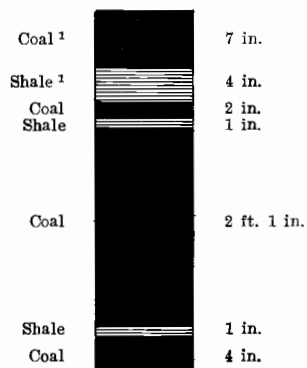
OPENING ON PINEY RUN, NORTH OF THE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



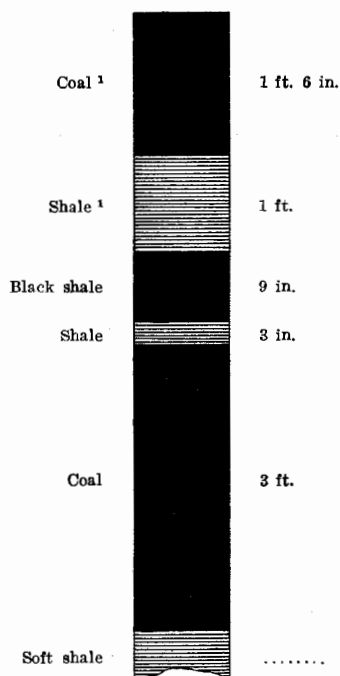
OPENING ON PINEY RUN, NORTH OF THE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



JOEL BENDER'S OPENING, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES EAST OF MCHENRY.



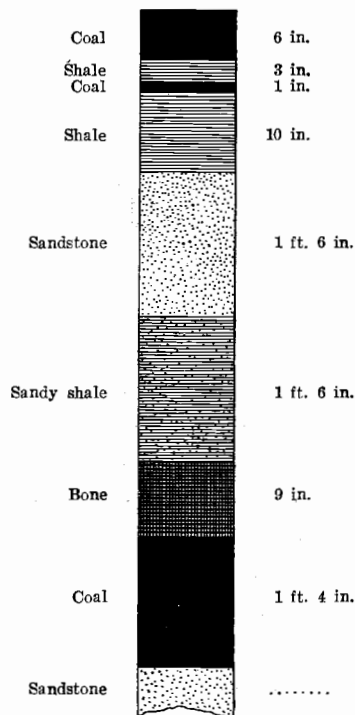
ANOTHER MEASUREMENT FURTHER IN, AT SAME LOCALITY.

¹As reported by Mr. Bender.

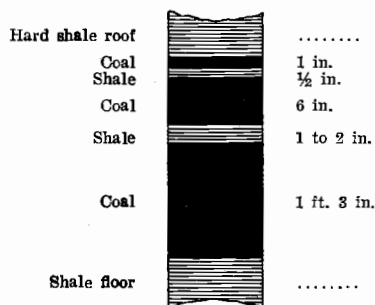
Lower Freeport coal.—A coal seam supposed to represent the Lower Freeport is found at several points in the Castleman basin although its exact equivalent elsewhere cannot be determined with absolute certainty. This seam appears at a distance of 35 to 60 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation and contains 1 foot 6 inches to 2 feet of coal although the latter is badly broken up by shale and bone coal. The seam where observed is hardly of sufficient thickness to have more than very local value.

Sections of Lower Freeport Coal.

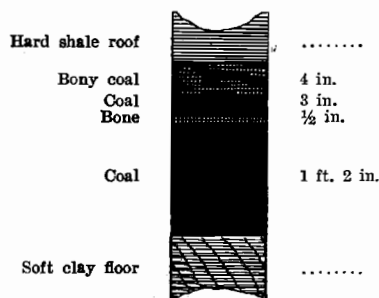
HENRY YOMMER'S OPENING, LITTLE LAUREL RUN, ONE MILE EAST, OF JENNINGS MILLS.



OPENING OF WILLARD FRICKEY, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF BITTINGER.



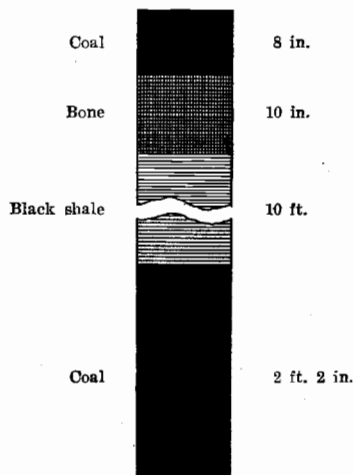
OPENING OF JOHN BRENEMAN, THREE MILES WEST-SOUTHWEST OF BITTINGER.



Upper Freeport coal.—The Upper Freeport coal is apparently very poorly developed in the Castleman basin as no prospect openings have been made in it. This seam is penetrated, however, in the bore-hole at Jennings Mills where it shows a thickness of somewhat under 3 feet separated into two bunches by bone and shale. This seam is so persistent and important in the other basins that it is possible that further exploration will result in locating this coal in workable quantities throughout portions of the basin and the drilling of the region for this coal would be fully warranted as it lies at a much higher level than the Lower Kittanning coal and could therefore be reached in much shallower shafts or around the margin by slopes.

Section of Upper Freeport Coal.

BORE-HOLE AT JENNINGS MILLS.








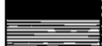
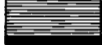
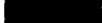

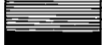
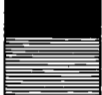

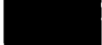
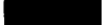

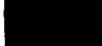

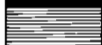
THE CONEMAUGH COALS OF THE CASTLEMAN BASIN.

The Conemaugh coals are much better known in the Castleman basin than the Allegheny coals as they occur nearer the surface and have been frequently dissected by the main drainage lines of the valley so that the coal appears in outcrop at many points. The coal seams of the Conemaugh formation have been the chief source of local consumption in the past and will probably be the most important sources of coal in the valley unless further drilling of the district should show the presence of thicker seams in the Allegheny formation than have been thus far encountered. The Conemaugh formation shows some variations in the Castleman basin from its typical development in the Georges Creek and Potomac basins, two seams of coal appearing in the Castleman basin that have not been recognized elsewhere. One of these, which has been called the Grantsville seam, contains the most important bed of coal hitherto discovered in the area and has already been worked at a number of points.

Mahoning coal.—The presence of this seam is indicated along the North Branch of the Castleman river although there is some doubt as to the equivalency of the seam observed. This coal occurs at an interval of 45 to 60 feet above the Upper Freeport coal but on account of the large amount of shale and bone is probably unworkable except for purely local uses.

Section of Mahoning Coal.

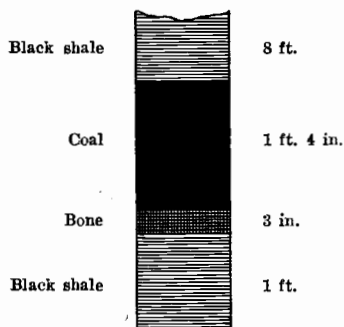
PROSPECT ON NORTH FORK OF CASTLEMAN RIVER, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES
NORTHWEST OF BITTINGER.

Shale		4 ft.
Coal		1 in.
Shale		4 in.
Bone		4 in.
Coal		4 in.
Shale		8 in.
Coal		9 in.
Shale		4 in.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		8 in.
Coal		1 ft. 2 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		7 in.
Shale		3 in.
Coal		3 in.
Shale		7 in.
Coal		2 in.
Shale		8 in.

Brush Creek (Masontown) coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 85 to 125 feet above the Upper Freeport coal. It is very persistent in the Georges Creek basin but has not been exposed to any extent within the Castleman basin and is possibly absent at some points. This seam shows a thickness of somewhat over a foot in the bore-hole at Jennings Mills. It is not probable that it will be found at any point of sufficient thickness to be of commercial value.

Section of Brush Creek Coal.

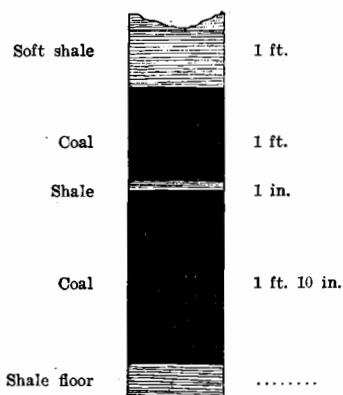
BORE-HOLE AT JENNINGS MILLS.



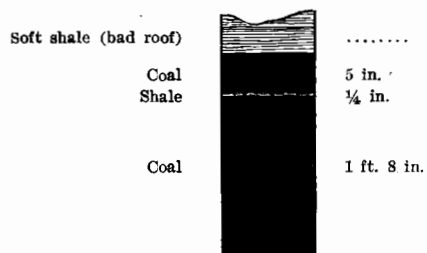
Grantsville (Beachey) coal.—This seam has not been observed in any of the other basins and apparently has no named equivalent in adjacent regions in Pennsylvania. It occurs at an interval of about 150 feet above the base of the formation and at an interval of 50 to 75 feet below the Bakerstown coal. It generally contains between 2 and 3 feet of coal although it has been found at one point on the North Branch of the Castleman river to exceed 5 feet in thickness. Further exploitation of this coal will probably reveal considerable areas of commercial value. It lies for the most part above water and can be obtained by drift mining.

Sections of Grantsville Coal.

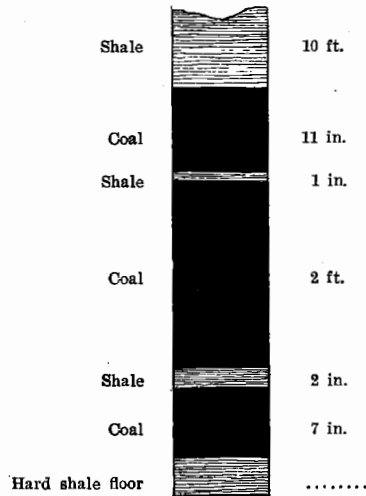
BIG SHADE RUN, JUST NORTH OF MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



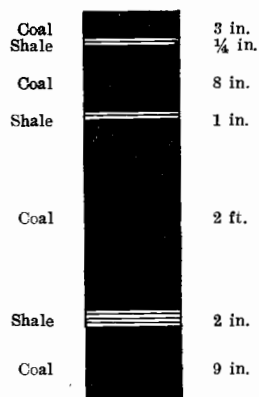
HENRY BONIC'S MINE, NEAR CROSS-ROADS, TWO MILES WEST OF GRANTSVILLE.



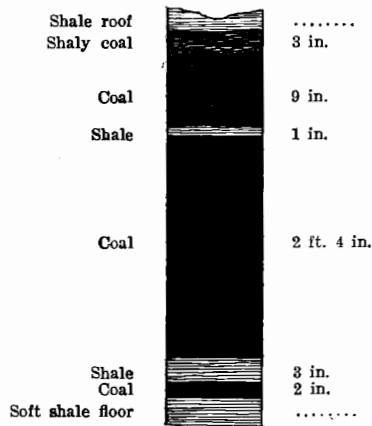
MINE NEAR NATIONAL ROAD, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF GRANTSVILLE.



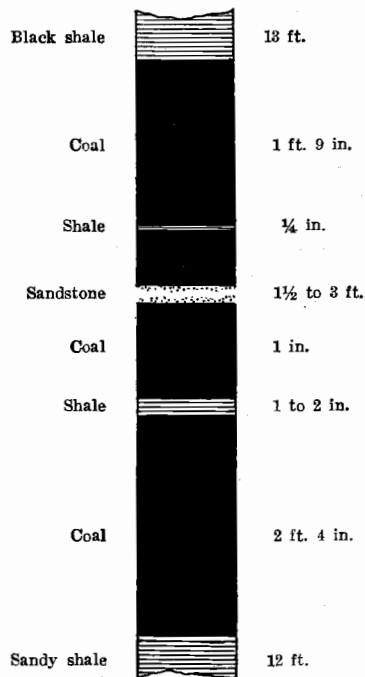
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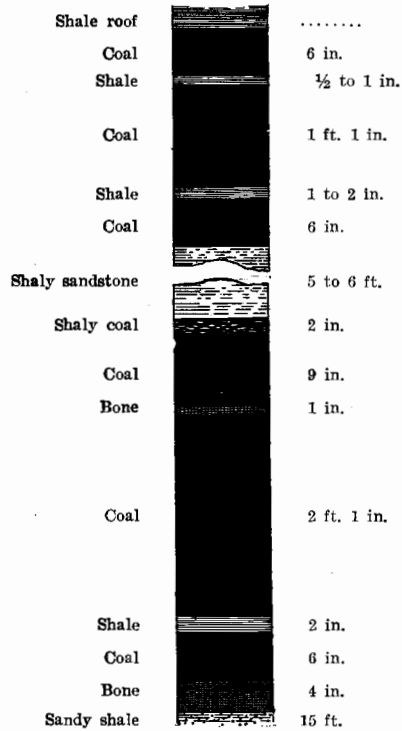


STANTON MINE, NORTH END OF RIDGLEY HILL, SOUTH OF JENNINGS MILLS.

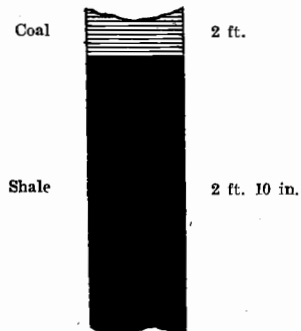


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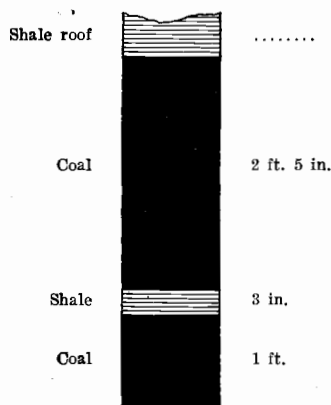


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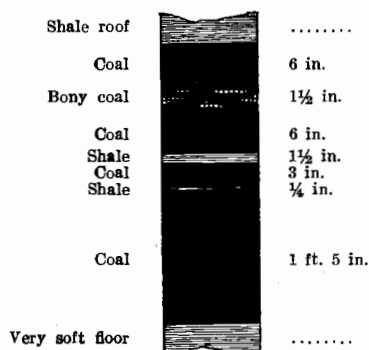
PROSPECT ONE MILE EAST OF JENNINGS MILLS.



MINE ON HILL ONE MILE EAST OF JENNINGS MILLS.



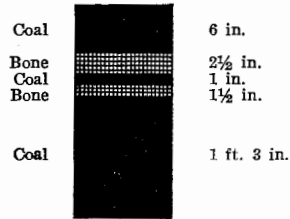
JAKE BITTINGER MINE, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILES EAST OF BITTINGER.



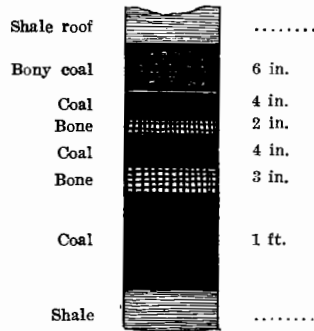
Bakerstown (Honeycomb) coal.—The Bakerstown seam occurs at from 175 to 200 feet above the base of the Conemaugh formation. It has been locally called the Honeycomb seam in the Castleman basin and has been locally mined at many points in the past. It is generally something over 2 feet in thickness. The seam is variable, however, and may some times almost disappear while at other times it may reach nearly if not quite 3 feet in thickness. It has been reached over considerable areas by drift and is one of the important and persistent seams of the basin.

Sections of Bakerstown Coal.

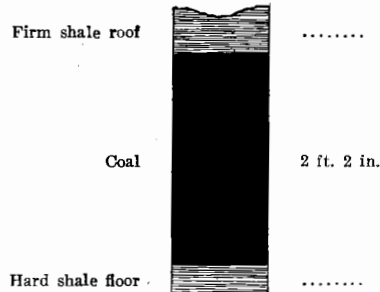
RAILROAD CUT ALONG CASTLEMAN RIVER, ONE MILE SOUTH OF NATIONAL ROAD.



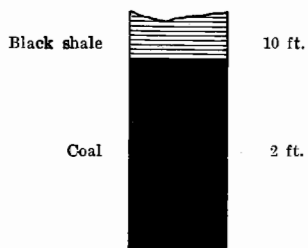
W. STANTON'S MINE ON SPIKER RUN, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF GRANTSVILLE.



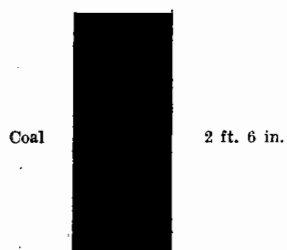
KINSINGER'S MINE, NEAR FORKS OF CASTLEMAN RIVER.



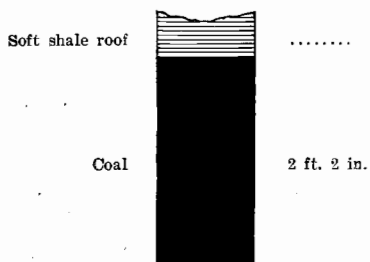
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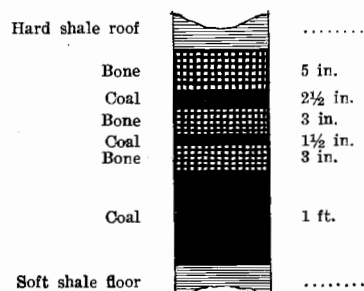
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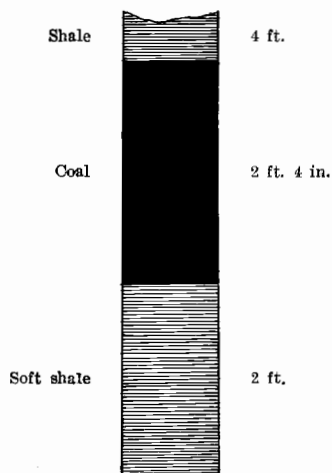
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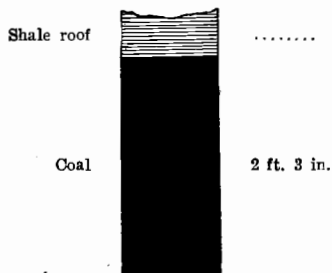
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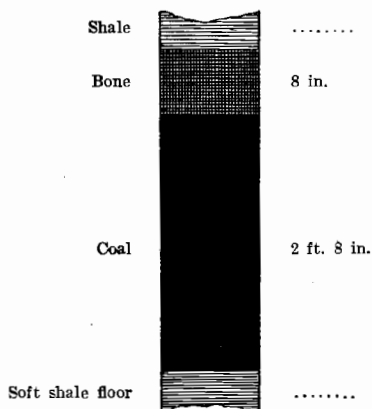
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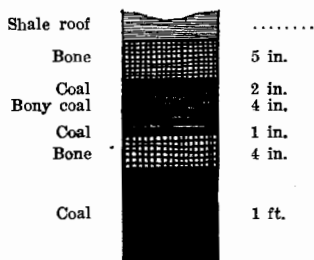
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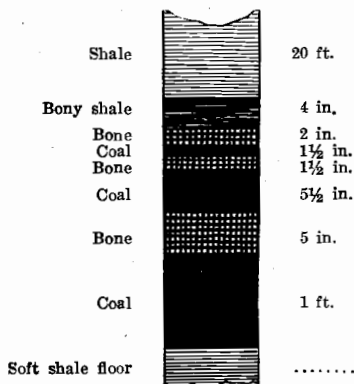
HAMPTON BUTLER'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF JENNINGS
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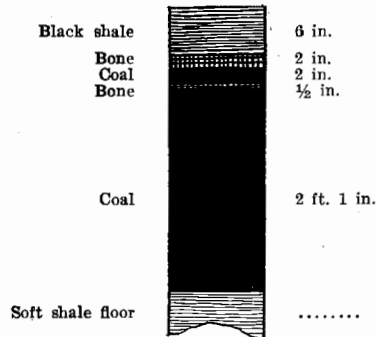
PROSPECT ON MAYNADIER TRACT (MORGART'S), TWO MILES SOUTH OF JENNINGS
MILLS.



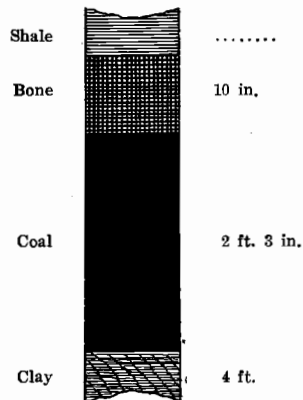
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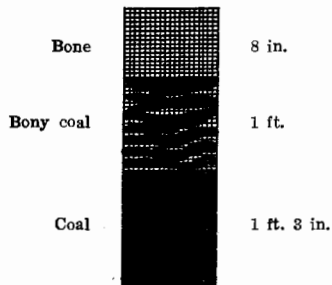
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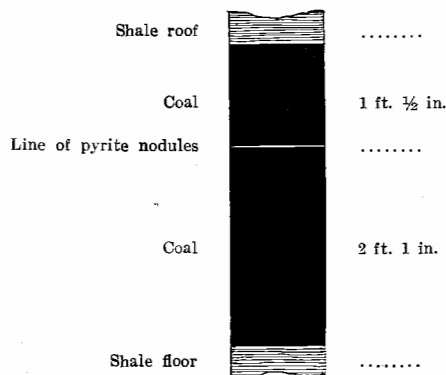
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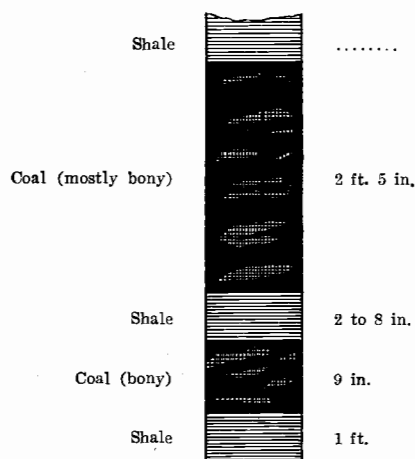
F. N. BITTINGER'S MINE, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF BITTINGER.




Maynadier coal.—This seam is also confined to the Castleman basin and is found at an interval of about 25 feet above the Bakers-town coal. It has no known equivalent in the other basins. The coal has a thickness of between 2 and 3 feet although it is frequently bony and is also divided by shale partings into two or more benches. It probably has no commercial value on account of its thinness and poor quality.

Sections of Maynadier Coal.


RAILROAD CUT ALONG CASTLEMAN RIVER, ONE MILE SOUTH OF NATIONAL ROAD.



L. YOMMER'S OPENING, NORTHEAST OF JENNINGS MILLS.

Bone		1 in.
Coal		5 in.
Bone		¼ in.
Coal		2 in.
Bony coal		3 in.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		2 in.
Shale		¼ in.
Bony coal		9 in.
Shale		2 in.
Bone		1 ft.

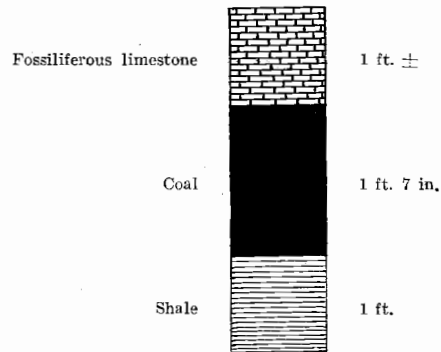
PROSPECT ON MAYNADIER TRACT (MORGART'S), TWO MILES SOUTH OF JENNINGS MILLS.

Shale roof		.....
Coal		6 in.
Shale		½ in.
Coal		5 in.
Bony coal		6 in.
Shale (rejected)		5 in.
Bony coal		1 ft. 1 in.

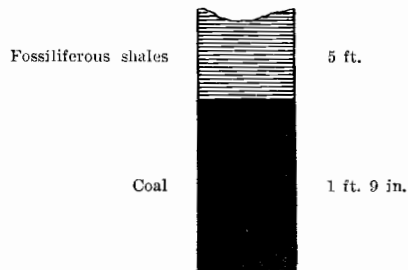
Friendsville (Crinoidal) coal.—The Friendsville seam is found at an interval of about 100 feet above the Bakerstown coal and contains from 1 foot 6 inches to 2 feet of coal with one or more thin shale partings. This coal has been called the Crinoidal coal in Pennsylvania but the name Friendsville has been applied to it because it is well developed near that place in the Lower Youghiogheny basin. It is not an important seam and probably will not be found of sufficient thickness to have more than local commercial value.

Sections of Friendsville Coal.

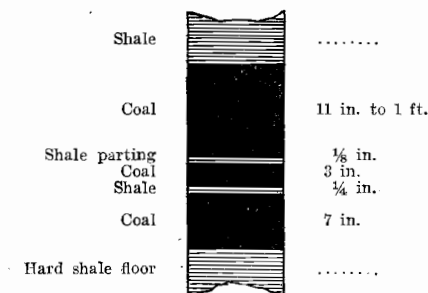
OPENING ON BIG SHADE RUN, ONE MILE WEST OF GRANTSVILLE.



JOHN WILEY'S MINE, ONE MILE EAST OF BEVANSVILLE.



HENRY BEIZEL, PLEASANT VALLEY RUN, TWO MILES SOUTHEAST OF BITTINGER.



Other coals.—The higher Conemaugh seams are poorly developed in the Castleman basin although the Franklin coal has been observed to the north of the Pennsylvania line. The Conemaugh formation has been extensively eroded over much of the Castleman basin so that these upper seams even if present in workable thickness would have little extent and little economic value.

THE UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

The Upper Youghioghenny basin is a broad shallow syncline, which undulates somewhat in its central part. The Monongahela coals, and the workable Conemaugh coals (excepting one area of the Bakerstown coal) are entirely absent from it. The Upper Freeport coal is workable in a few areas, especially along the Youghioghenny river below the mouth of Miller Run. It is largely drift coal. The Lower Kittanning coal underlies the larger part of the basin and has been mined to a small extent along the outcrop. It is almost all slope and shaft coal.

THE POTTSVILLE COALS OF THE UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

Very little is known regarding the thin coal seams of the Pottsville formation in the Upper Youghioghenny basin except that they are known to be thin and of practically no economic value, as very little prospect work has been done on them. The beds of the Pottsville formation outcrop around the margin of the synclinal basin but at no point have coals of any significance been observed. It is, moreover, probable that no coals even of local value will be discovered in this area and prospect work at this horizon cannot be expected to yield returns commensurate with the outlay of time and money involved.

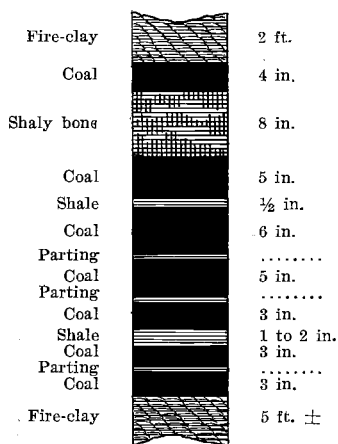
The Sharon coal has been recognized in an abandoned drift about two and a half miles north of Oakland on the road to Swallow Falls where this seam was once worked for local use. The working is not now exposed but is locally reported to have a thickness of between 3 and 4 feet and to be of satisfactory quality. There is a consider-

able area in the vicinity which could be worked by drift and a larger area which could be worked by slope or shaft should further investigations show that the seam has a sufficient thickness and quality over a large enough territory. A few miles to the northwest near the West Virginia line and on the opposite flank of this basin the seam has been reported by Dr. I. C. White¹ as having a thickness of about 3 feet and as being quite soft and pure and like the coking type of the New River coals.

The Quakertown coal has also been observed in the gorge below Swallow Falls where it has a thickness of about eighteen inches but there is little indication that this seam possesses any commercial value.

Section of Mt. Savage Coal.

RAILROAD CUT NEAR SWALLOW FALLS, GARRETT COUNTY.



Mt. Savage (Upper Mercer) coal.—This seam occurs from 25 to 75 feet below the top of the Pottsville formation. It varies largely in thickness and quality and has been found to be of little value anywhere in the State except for local purposes. No outcrops of this coal have been observed in the Upper Youghiogheny basin except in

¹ Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 65, p. 202.

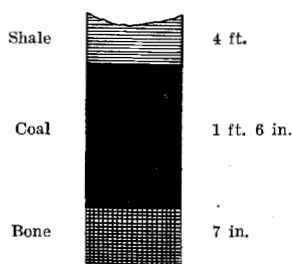
the vicinity of Swallow Falls where an excellent section is exposed in the railroad cutting on the side of the valley. The coal is a good deal broken by shale partings and it is not probable that it will be found to have any commercial value.

THE ALLEGHENY COALS OF THE UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

The Allegheny coals underlie the greater part of the basin although the upper beds of the formation have been more or less dissected by streams while the cover of later formations is less extensive than in the Castleman basin so that the Allegheny coals, where present, may be in part reached even in the center of the basin by drifts although the lower coals must mainly be mined by slopes and shafts. These beds also outcrop around the margins of the syncline where they have been opened to some extent. The Allegheny coals are the most important coals of this basin and along its western margin have already been mined to some extent. Further development work will be necessary before the full extent of the coals can be finally determined. The lowest coals are poorly developed although the Clarion seam has been recognized in the southwestern part of the basin.

Section of Clarion Coal.

PROSPECT NEAR PRESTON COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY'S NEW TIPPLE, TWO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CRELLIN.



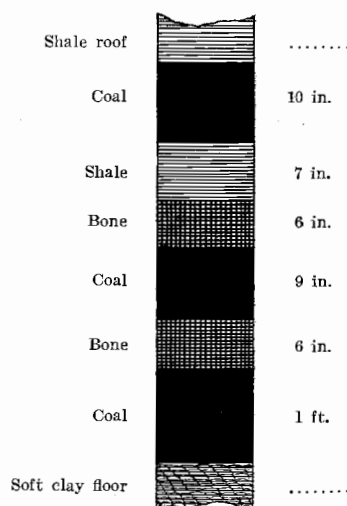
Clarion coal.—The Clarion coal occurs at an interval of from 12 to 30 feet above the bottom of the Allegheny formation. It has only been observed at one point in the southwestern part of the area near

the West Virginia line where it does not occur in sufficient thickness to have any commercial value.

Lower (and Middle) Kittanning coal.—This seam is the most persistent and most extensively developed of any of the Upper Youghiogeny basin and has been mined at various points within the dis-

Sections of Lower Kittanning Coal.

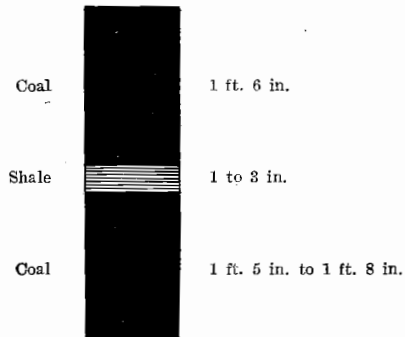
THOMAS SKIPPER'S MINE, TWO MILES ABOVE MOUTH OF DEEP CREEK, TWO MILES EAST OF SWALLOW FALLS.



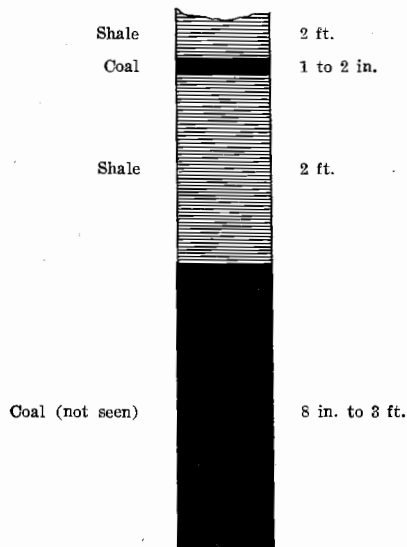
trict, especially in the southwestern part of the region. This seam has a thickness of from 4 to 6 feet, although it is a good deal broken by partings of shale. Bone coal is also more or less prevalent. It is probable, however, that at some points this seam will be found to have considerable economic value. It has been called locally the Corinth or "Four-foot" vein. It is probable, as in more eastern basins, that this seam represents both the Lower and Middle Kittanning coals of Pennsylvania. At some points the coal has a thick parting of shale near the middle of the seam. This seam occurs at an interval of between 90 and 150 feet above the base of the formation

and from 170 to 210 feet below the top. It covers a far greater area than any of the later coals and, although cut by the Youghiogheny river throughout the lower portion of the district, will probably have to be mined mainly by slope or shaft.

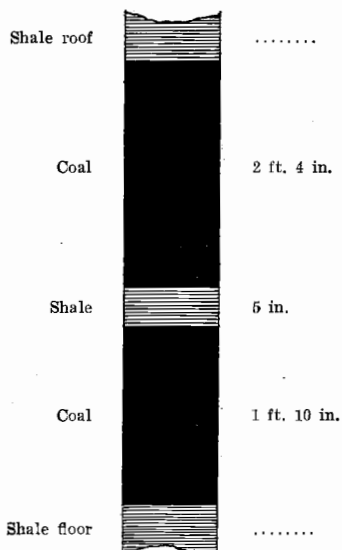
JOHNNY BOLE MINE (NETHKEN'S), WEST SIDE ROMAN NOSE MOUNTAIN, FOUR
AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHEAST OF OAKLAND.



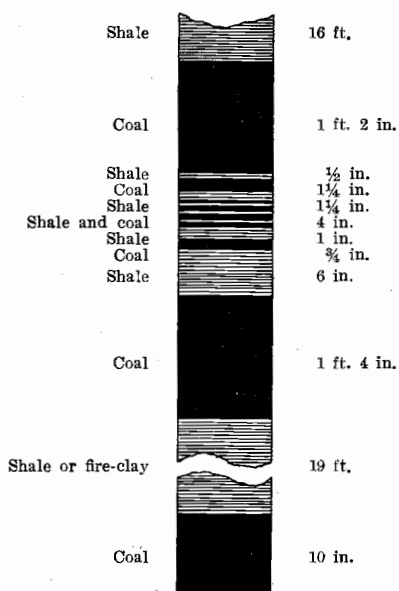
JAMES W. FODGE OPENING, EAST SIDE SNAGGY MOUNTAIN, FIVE AND ONE-HALF
MILES NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.

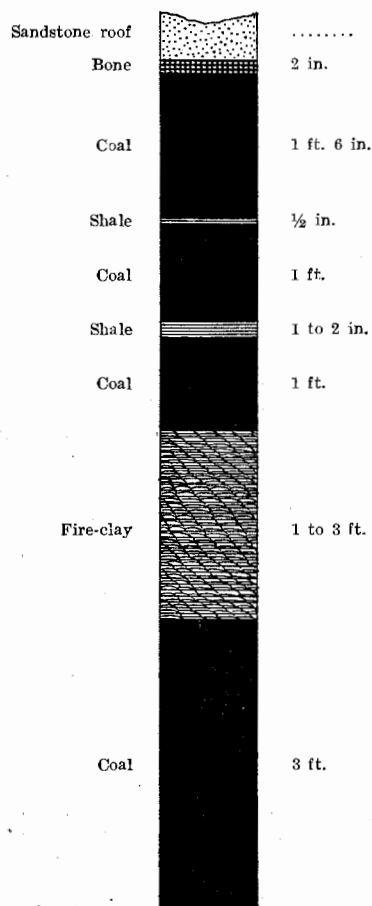


MINE SOUTH OF OAK SHOALS, THREE MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.

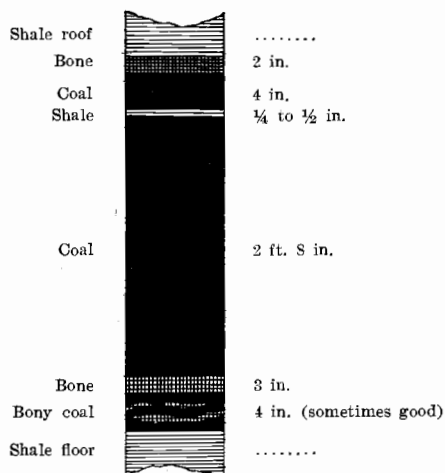


TEST HOLE ON BRANCH OF HERRINGTON CREEK, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.

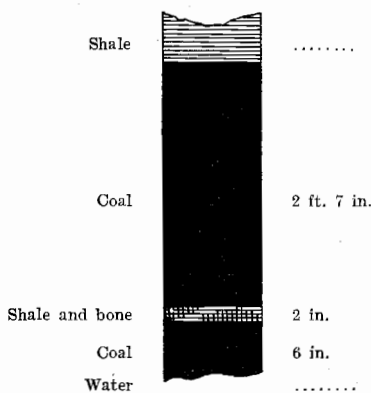


WORKING MINE OF OAKLAND COAL AND COKE COMPANY, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH-
WEST OF CORINTH.

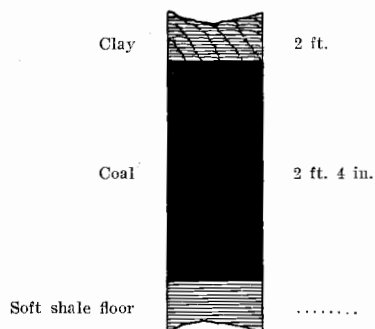
OFFUT'S MINE, EAST SIDE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES
NORTHEAST OF CRELLIN.



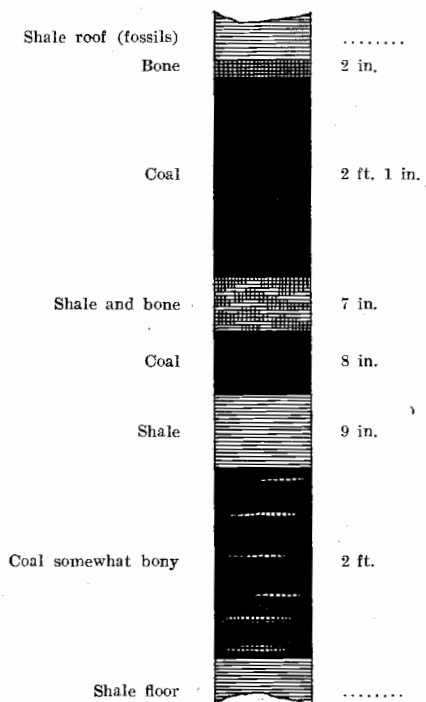
CRANE'S MINE (PRESTON COUNTY, W. VA.), ON LAUREL RUN, WEST OF BROWN-
BAUER LINE, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF CRELLIN.



OLD OPENING, TWO HUNDRED FEET WEST, SOUTH SIDE OF ROAD, ONE-HALF MILE
SOUTHEAST OF CRELLIN.



VAN WERTH'S MINE (PRESTON COUNTY, W. VA.), THREE MILES WEST OF CRELLIN.



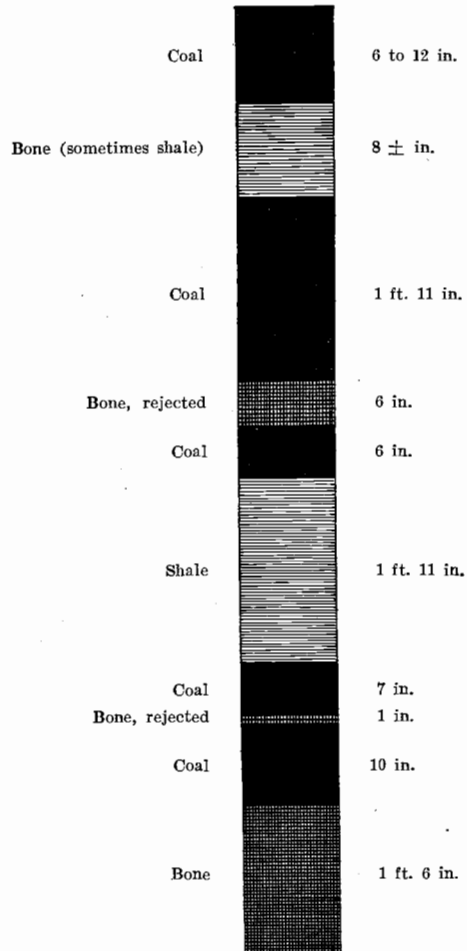
OLD OPENING ON ARNOLD'S RUN, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF
CRELLIN.

Shale		1 ft.
Coal		2 ft. 4 in.
Bone Shale		1½ in. 1½ in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		¼ in.
Coal		4 in.
Shale		1 ft.
Coal		1 ft.

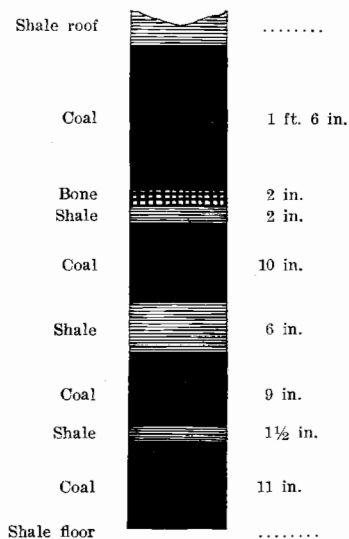
GUTHRIE'S MINE, ON PRESTON R. R., THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF CRELLIN.

Shale roof		.....
Coal and bone		3 in.
Shale		3 in.
Coal		6 in.
Shale		0 to ½ in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.
Shale		½ to 1 in.
Coal		2 in.
Shale		1 to 3 in.
Coal		9 in.
Shale		10 in. to 1 ft.
Coal		1 ft.

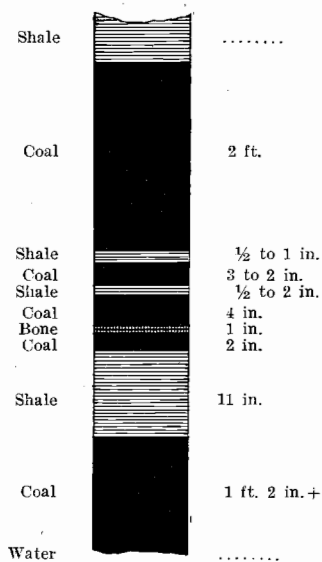
ASHBY'S MINE, ONE MILE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CRELLIN.

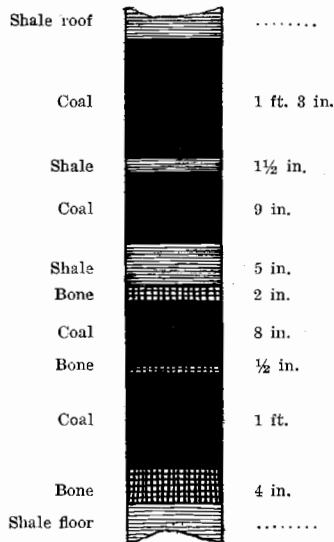


CROP OPENING, ARNOLD'S RUN, THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF CRELLIN.



PRESTON COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY, ON PRESTON R. R., THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF CRELLIN.

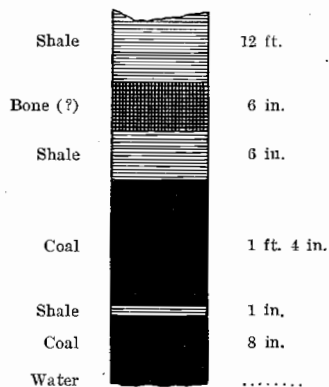


PRESTON COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY'S NEW TIPPLE, FOUR MILES SOUTHWEST
OF CRELLIN.

Lower Freeport coal.—This seam has been observed at a number of points in the upper part of the basin. It has a thickness of fully two feet, although the bed is somewhat broken by shale and bony

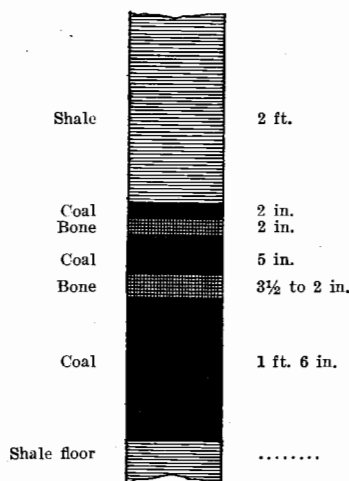
Sections of Lower Freeport Coal.

OPENING ON CREST OF RIDGE, TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.

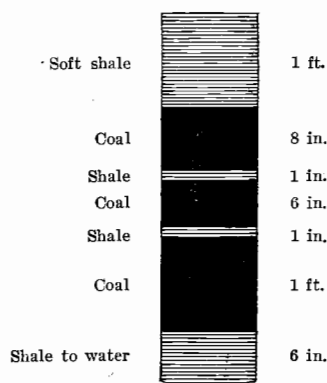


layers. This seam occurs at an interval of from 100 to 145 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal and is commonly found from 35 to 60 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation. It is not probable that this coal will be found to possess more than local value.

T. A. CONNELL'S MINE, NORTH OF RAILROAD AND THREE-FOURTHS MILE WEST OF CRELLIN.



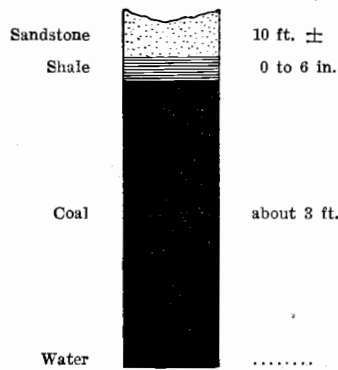
MINE ONE MILE WEST OF CRELLIN ON OLD MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA LINE, ABOUT TWENTY FEET ABOVE R. R. AND TWO HUNDRED FEET FROM IT.



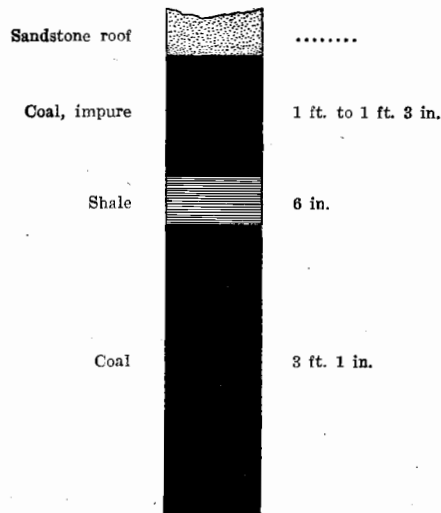
Upper Freeport ("Sandrock") coal.—This seam commonly contains from 3 to 4 feet of coal. It is found mainly above water and can be reached to a large extent by drifts. It is found from 165 to 210 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal and caps the Allegheny

Sections of Upper Freeport Coal.

DANIEL LEWIS' MINE, ONE MILE NORTHEAST OF SWALLOW FALLS.

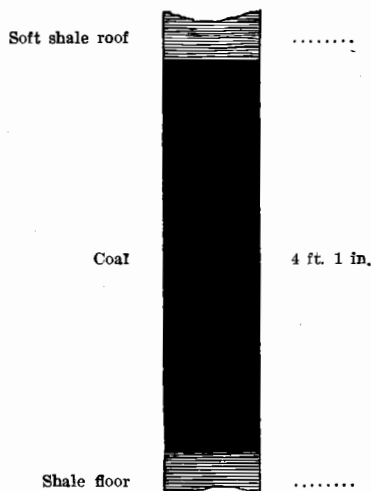


W. T. SINE'S MINE, YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER, ONE MILE ABOVE SWALLOW FALLS.

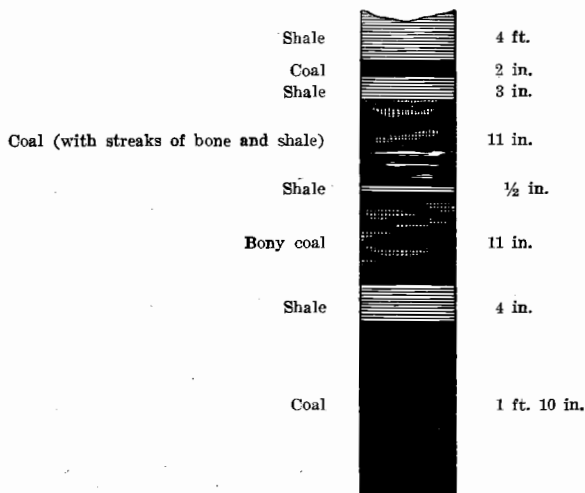


formation. It is locally known under the name of the "Sandrock" seam, and is the representative of the Upper Freeport coal of Penn-

F. R. NETHKEN'S MINE, WEST OF ROMAN NOSE, FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH OF OAKLAND.






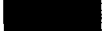




DEVECMON'S MINE, NEAR TEEN GLADE, FOUR MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.








sylvania. It has already been mined to some extent locally and frequently shows a clean breast of 3 or more feet.

STRIPPING ON GARRETT PROPERTY, ABOVE HERRINGTON CREEK, FIVE AND ONE-HALF
MILES NORTHWEST OF OAKLAND.

Bone		4 in.
Shale		1 in.
Bone		4 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		3 in.
Bone		4 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Bone		3 in.

CROSS MINE OWNED BY THOMAS NETHKEN, EAST BANK OF YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER,
FOUR MILES NORTH OF OAKLAND.

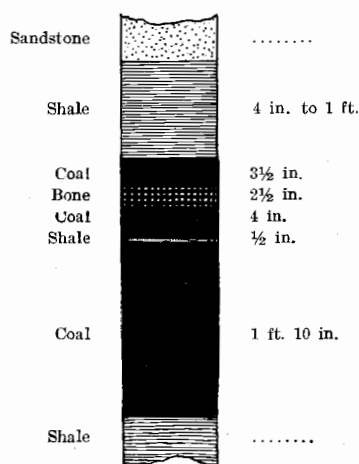
Sandstone		.....
Shale		5 ft. \pm
Coal		1 ft. 6 in.
Shale		2 in.
Coal		1 ft. 6 in.

THE CONEMAUGH COALS OF THE UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

The Conemaugh coals have very little development in the Upper Youghioghenny basin as the beds of the Conemaugh formation have suffered extensively from erosion with the result that all except the lower horizons are entirely lacking. Only a single seam has been

found to be prominently developed and the limited areal extent renders it of relatively slight economic importance. The seams below the Bakertown, although present in part, have not been prospected and give no indication of furnishing coal of economic value. The Conemaugh coals are confined to relatively small areas scattered through the central portion of the basin.

MCNEIL'S MINE ("DEAL MINE"), MILLER RUN, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH OF OAKLAND.



Bakertown coal.—This seam covers only a limited area, although the thickness and character of the seam shows it to be a coal of importance in the limited area of its outcrop which, so far as known, is comparatively a small district to the east of Swallow Falls.

THE LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

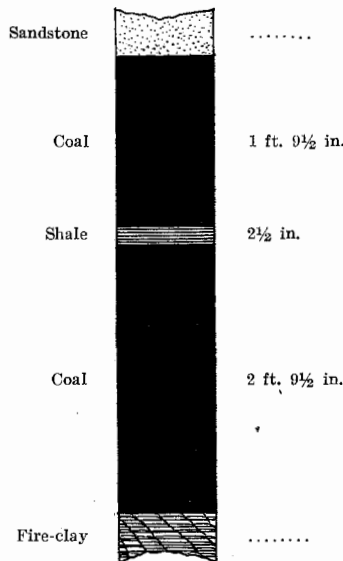
The Lower Youghiogheny basin is a broad, shallow syncline with a low anticline buried in its western portion. The deepest part of the basin is toward the eastern part of its area, the axis passing not far west of Friendsville.

It contains no Monongahela coals. The Conemaugh coals, although all present, are not, as a general rule, workable.

The Upper Freeport coal is workable by drift from the valleys of Buffalo Run, Laurel Run, Deep Creek, and Mill Run. The larger part of the area of this seam is, however, shaft coal, which can best be reached a short distance up the valley west of Friendsville, or along the railroad anywhere between Selbysport and the Pennsylvania line.

Section of Bakerstown Coal.

CHAUNCEY F. KIMMEL'S MINE, ONE MILE EAST OF SWALLOW FALLS.



It can probably be reached anywhere within a depth of 100 feet below the railroad. The quality and thickness in this buried portion have never been tested.

The Lower Kittanning coal is shaft coal in the greater part of the area of the basin. There are small areas around the outcrop which can be mined by drift, but only on a small scale, except in the region southwest of Krug, where the entire area can be reached by drift from the valley of the Youghiogeny. Below Friendsville this coal lies at a depth not exceeding 300 feet below the railroad.

THE POTTSVILLE COALS OF THE LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

The Pottsville coals, as in the other basins, have no economic value. They outcrop around the eastern and southern portions of the district forming the rim of this basin which has its northward and westward extensions in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Pottsville coals are thin and practically no attempts have been made to prospect them, so that satisfactory sections are not available. It is not probable that they will be found to possess even local value.

The Mount Savage or Upper Mercer coal has been found at its proper horizon, but the seam is thin and unimportant and no attempt has been made to develop it. Like all of the Pottsville coals, it does not possess any local value.

THE ALLEGHENY COALS OF THE LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY.

The Allegheny coals occupy the larger part of the Lower Youghiogheny basin and constitute the chief coals of the district. Most of the coals will, however, require slope or shaft mining, the lower coals being deeply buried over much of the district. Numerous local openings have been made in the Allegheny seams and these are generally well distributed along the outcrop. The extent and character of the coals in the deeper portions of the district can only be determined by drill holes. It is probable that valuable local seams may be discovered where these coals can be profitably mined. The lowest seam of the more easterly basins have not been prospected and very little is known regarding them, but it is probable that they are much less important than in the Georges Creek and Potomac basins.

"Split-six" coal.—The coal seam corresponding in position with the "Split-six" coal of the lower Georges Creek basin is found about 25 feet below the Lower Kittanning coal of White Rock Run toward the southern end of the basin. The seam at this point has a thickness of about 3 feet, although the coal is somewhat broken by shale partings. The extent of this coal is not known, although it is probably not an important seam.

Section of "Split-six" Coal.

OPENING ON WHITE ROCK RUN, THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF KRUG.

Coal		1 ft. 3 in.
Shale		3 in.
Coal		1 ft.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		6 in.

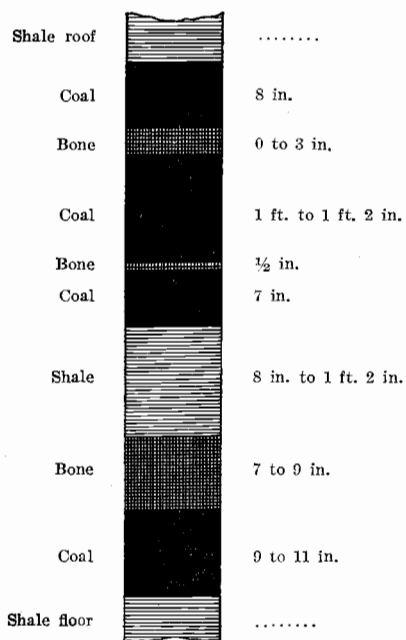
Lower (and Middle) Kittanning ("White Rock" or "Four-foot") coal.—This seam is the most widely extended and most important coal in the Lower Youghiogheny basin. This coal has a thickness of from 4 to 6 feet, although the greater thickness is considerably broken by shale and bone coal. This seam occurs between 90 and 150 feet above the base of the formation and from 170 to 210 feet below the top. It has been called the "White Rock" or "Four-foot" seam in the Lower Youghiogheny basin.

Sections of Lower Kittanning Coal.

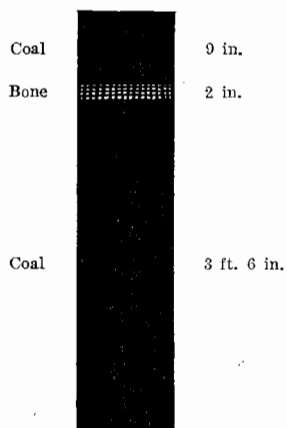
WM. STEELE'S MINE ("CRAZY VEIN"), ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

Coal		6 in.
Shale		3 in.
Coal		1 ft. 4 in.
Shale		0 to 6 in. to 10 ft.
Coal		2 ft. 4 in. +



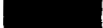



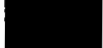

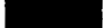


BEAR CREEK LUMBER COMPANY, THREE-FOURTHS MILE SOUTHEAST OF
FRIENDSVILLE.




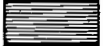

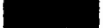

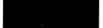


BROWNING AND CUSTER MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF
FRIENDSVILLE.



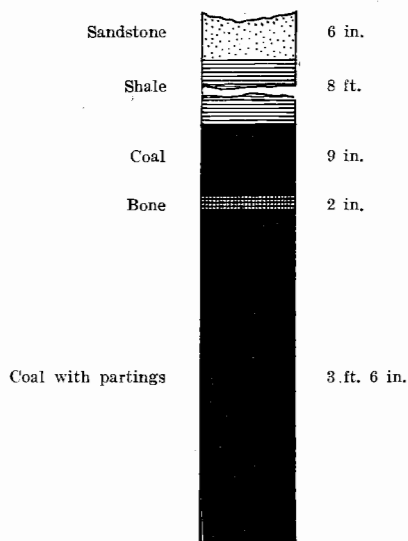
ISAAC MEYER'S MINE, BUFFALO RUN, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST-SOUTH-
WEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

Coal		1 ft. 2 in.
Bone		2 in.
Coal		4 in.
Shale, rejected		1 in.
Bone coal		9 in.
Shale		1 ft. 8 in.
Coal		8 in.
Shale		$\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Coal		4 in.
Bone		7 in.
Coal		4 in.

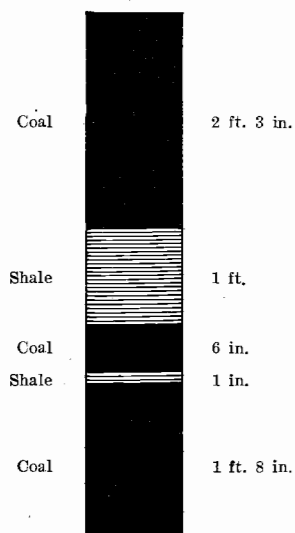
OSCAR FRIEND'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

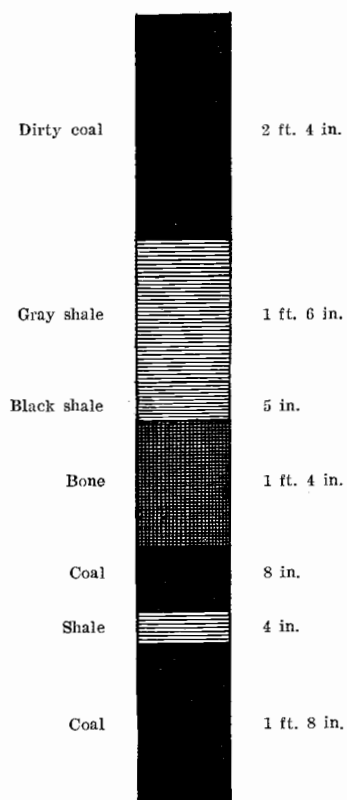
Coal		7 to 8 in.
Shale		2 to 5 in.
Coal		1 ft. 3 in.
Shale parting		$\frac{1}{8}$ in.
Coal		1 ft. 5 in.
Shale parting		$\frac{1}{8}$ in.
Coal		5 in.
Hard shale floor		.....

OSCAR FRIEND'S UPPER MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF
FRIENDSVILLE.

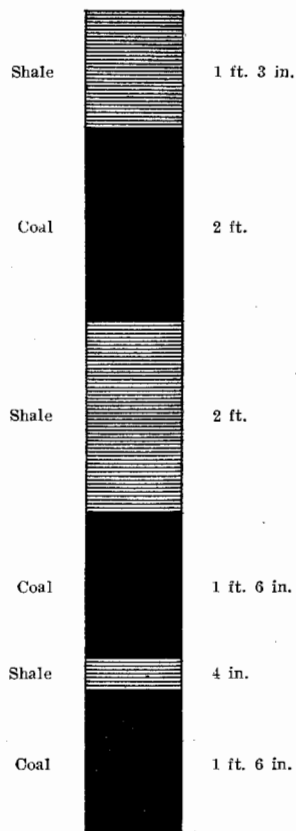


WHITE ROCK MINE, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF SANG RUN.

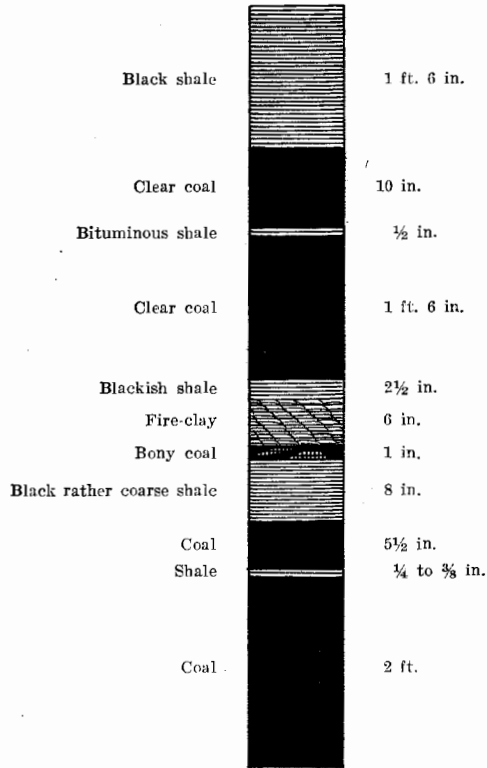


OPENING ON NORTH BANK OF LAUREL RUN AT ITS MOUTH, ONE-HALF MILE ABOVE
KRUG.

OPENING ON SOUTH BANK LAUREL RUN, ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF KRUG.



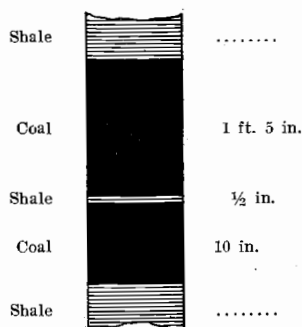
WHITE ROCK MINE, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF SANG RUN.



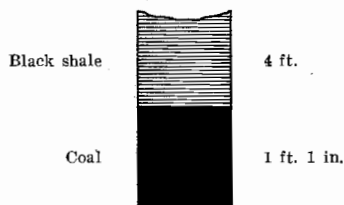
Lower Freeport coal.—This seam has been recognized in the northwestern portion of the area, where it has a thickness of somewhat over 2 feet of nearly pure coal. This seam, however, generally possesses little importance in Maryland and will hardly be found to possess more than local value. It occurs from 100 to 145 feet above the top of the Lower Kittanning coal and is commonly found from 35 to 65 feet below the top of the Allegheny formation.

Sections of Lower Freeport Coal.

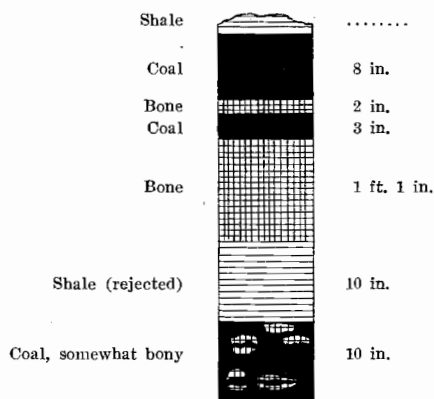
CHRIS. FIKE'S MINE, ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS MILES NORTH OF FEARER.



ALBERT FRAZEE'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.



TAYLOR FRIEND'S MINE, BUFFALO RUN, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

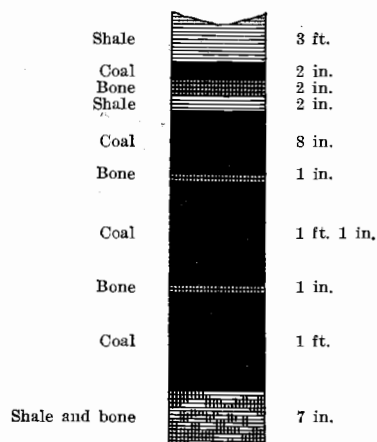


Upper Freeport ("Sandrock" or "Four-foot") coal.—This seam is found at the top of the Allegheny formation, or at an interval of 20 to 60 feet above the Lower Freeport and from 165 to 210 feet above the Lower Kittanning coal. It is locally known under the name of

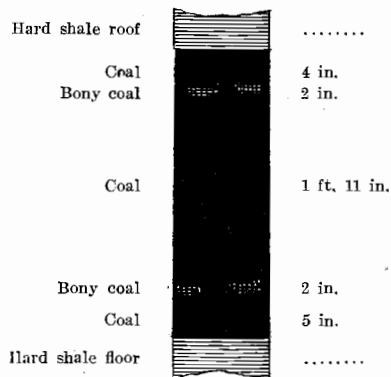
the "Sandrock" or "Four-foot" seam in the Lower Youghiogheny basin. This coal is very persistent and covers a considerable portion of the Lower Youghiogheny basin. Over much of the area it lies below water and its quality and thickness are unknown. In the valleys of several of the creeks it can be reached by drift, especially in the valleys of Buckler Run, Laurel Run, Deep Creek, and Mill Run. This seam could probably be mined successfully by shaft a short distance up to the valley west of Friendsville along the railroad anywhere between Selbysport and the Pennsylvania line. It can probably be reached within a depth of 100 feet below the railroad.

Sections of Upper Freeport Coal.



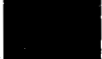
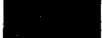


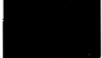
FRAZEE'S LOWER SEAM, ONE HUNDRED YARDS NORTHWEST OF NILES MILL.




HIRAM FRAZEE'S MINE BETWEEN NILES MILL AND MINERAL SPRING.



WM. UMBEL'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF ASHER GLADE.

Coal		4 in.
Shale		3 in.
Coal		1 ft. 11 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		1 ft. 8 in.
Shale		1 in.
Coal		7 in.

ALBERT ROBERTSON'S MINE, TWO MILES SOUTH OF MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-
WEST VIRGINIA CORNER.

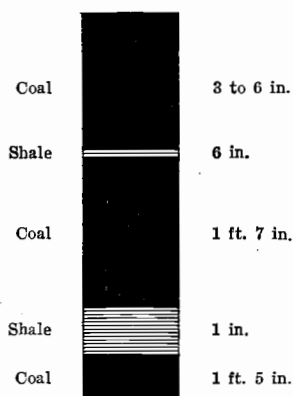
Coal		4 ft. 8 in. to 4 ft. 10 in.
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THE CONEMAUGH COALS OF THE LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY BASIN.

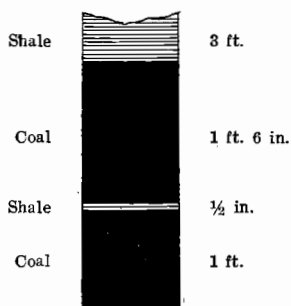
The Conemaugh coals have very little importance in this region, most of the seams being thin and unworkable even locally. They

cover a much smaller area than the Allegheny coals, being confined largely to the central portion of the basin mainly on the western bank of the Youghiogheny river covering the high lands between the larger tributaries. The Conemaugh coals can mainly be reached by drift where they occur locally of sufficient thickness to warrant their extraction.

GRANT SAVAGE'S MINE, SOUTH BRANCH LAUREL RUN, ONE AND ONE-FOURTH MILES SOUTH OF ASHER GLADE.



C. FRIEND'S MINE, THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

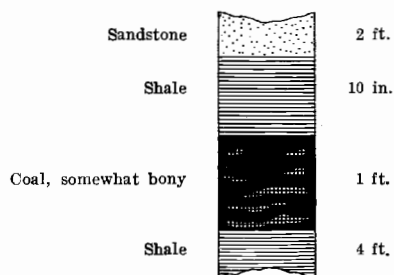


Mahoning coal.—This seam occurs from 15 to 20 feet above the Upper Freeport coal and is regarded as the representative of the

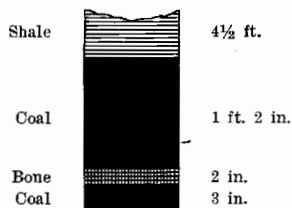
Mahoning coal of other areas. It is from 1 to 2 feet in thickness but is more or less broken by shale partings and bony coal. It does not possess more than local value so far as observed.

Sections of Mahoning Coal.

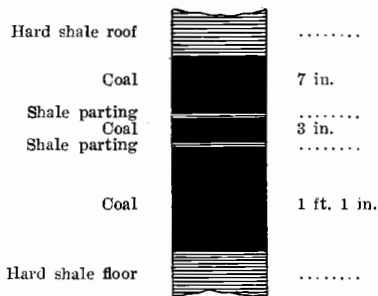
FRAZEE'S UPPER SEAM, NILES MILL.



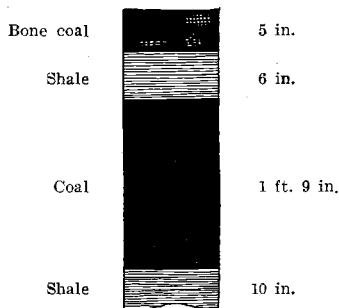
FIRE-CLAY VEIN OF H. M. FRAZEE, NILES MILL.



OPENING OF HIRAM FRAZEE AT SELBYSPOUT.



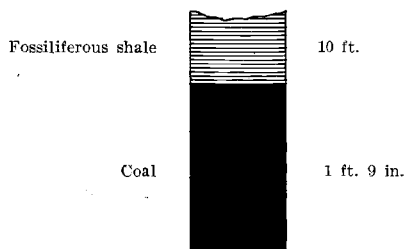
COBERT'S MINE, ONE MILE SOUTH OF FRIENDSVILLE.



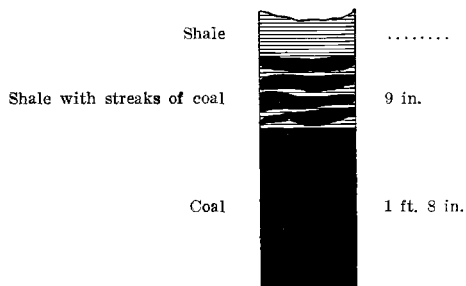
Brush Creek coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of about 65 feet above the Mahoning and from 85 to 125 feet above the Upper Freeport coal. It is a persistent coal but is generally less than 2 feet in thickness. It has been prospected very little in the Lower Youghiogheny basin and does not promise more than local value.

Sections of Brush Creek Coal.

MINE TWO-THIRDS MILE NORTH OF SELBYSPORT.



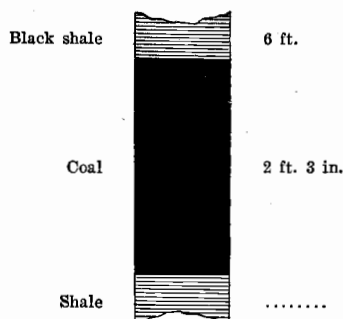
MINE NORTH OF FRIENDSVILLE, WEST BANK OF RIVER.



Bakerstown coal.—This seam occurs at an interval of from 90 to 135 feet above the Brush Creek coal and has been recognized in the region to the west of Friendsville, where it has a thickness of somewhat over 2 feet. It is very much less important than in the eastern

Section of Bakerstown Coal.

CAPT. FRIEND'S MINE, ONE MILE WEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.

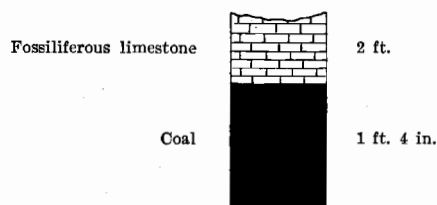


basins and probably does not occur of sufficient thickness to possess much, if any, commercial value. Its area of outcrop is much smaller than that of the lower seams and is confined to the higher areas on the western side of the Youghiogheny river.

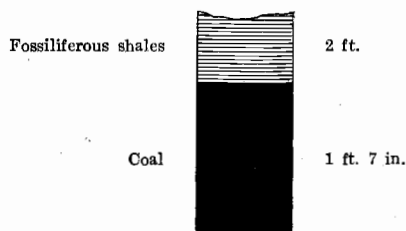
Friendsville (Crinoidal) coal.—This seam is found about 100 feet above the Bakerstown coal. It covers a very small area in the Lower Youghiogheny basin, being found only in the higher lands in the central portion of the syncline to the west of Friendsville, where it has a thickness of about 18 inches. This coal is the same as the Crinoidal coal of Pennsylvania, but it has been given the name Friendsville in order that the term employed may conform with those of the other coal seams in having a geographical name. This seam does not possess anything more than local value.

Sections of Friendsville Coal.

DAVID HERRING'S MINE, ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.



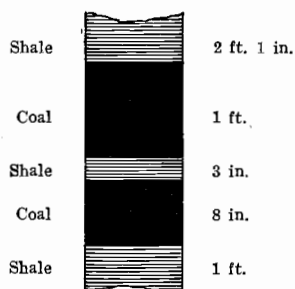
NOY AND AL. FRAZEE'S MINE, THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.



Franklin (Little Clarksburg) coal.—This seam occurs about 150 feet below the top of the Conemaugh formation and has been found at only a single locality on the west bank of the Youghiogheny river not far from the Pennsylvania line. This coal is much broken by shale layers and does not possess any real economic value.

Section of Franklin Coal.

LUCIEN FRAZEE'S MINE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF GISE.

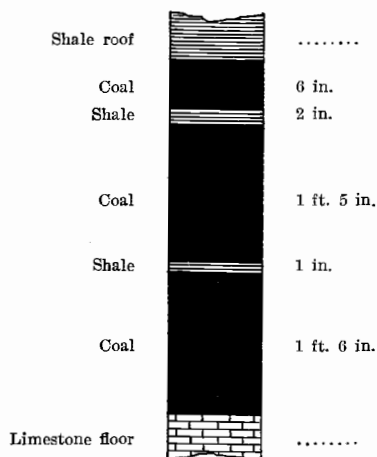


Little Pittsburg coal.—This coal is found near the top of the hills a short distance northwest of Friendsville, where it has been locally

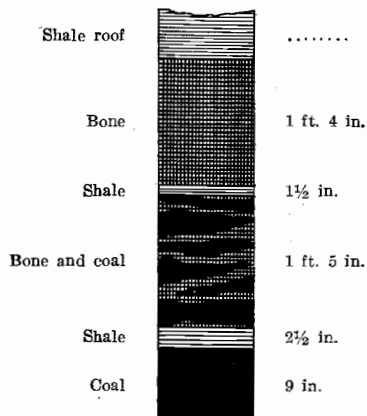
mined to some extent, although the coal is of only fair quality, being more or less bony and containing partings of shale. Its position is from 50 to 90 feet below the Pittsburg seam, which is lacking in this region. The very small area of outcrop of this coal does not give it any permanent economic value.

Sections of Little Pittsburg Coal.

HARRY RUMBAUGH'S NEW MINE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.



HARRY RUMBAUGH'S OLD MINE, ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF FRIENDSVILLE.
(Not much cover, now worked out.)



HISTORY OF THE MARYLAND COAL REGION

BY

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During the long contest between the English and the French for the possession of the Ohio Valley, the Maryland Coal Region was included in the debatable ground between the English outpost at Wills Creek, now Cumberland, and the French post at Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburg. The danger of sudden attack by Indians or French rendered the country unattractive to settlers. Even after the treaty of Paris in 1763 had confirmed the English title to the area, the Indians continued active until after the revolution when the new government was able to give attention to its western frontier and to protect the settlers.

Few land titles antedate the revolution and the larger number are what are known as "Soldier Lots." These are tracts of fifty acres each, granted by Congress to men who served during the revolution. They, as well as those obtained under the regular State patents, were selected by the grantees and the lines were established largely in accordance with their wishes. This system has resulted in a chaotic mass of oddly shaped tracts, the lines of which it has required a great deal of elaborate litigation to establish on anything like a permanent basis.

There appears to be no certain knowledge of when the coal was first discovered, but with the extended outcrop of so large a seam as the Pittsburg or "Big Vein," occurring so frequently as it does on steep hillsides, it is more than probable that attention was attracted to it as soon as the land was cleared. Tradition points to a locality about a mile north of Frostburg in the valley of Jennings Run, as the situation of the first mine which was worked.

A recently published journal of a journey on horseback, made in 1810, during which the traveler passed over the old Colonial road just south of Frostburg, and stayed over night at what is now known as the "Mussellman Farm," owned by the Consolidation Coal Company, makes no mention of the coal, although the writer was evidently a close observer and his notes on other matters along his route are uncommonly full. It is therefore to be inferred that the business was not, as yet, sufficiently developed to attract the attention of the casual traveler.¹

By 1820 the trade had assumed commercial importance. About this time openings were made in the Pittsburg seam at Eckhart, Pompey Smash, now Vale Summit, and Frostburg and the output transported on wagons to Cumberland where it was loaded on boats for various points on the Potomac River.

The standard boat used for this purpose was of the "flat-boat" type, rectangular in plan with raking ends. The usual dimensions were, length eighty feet, width thirteen feet, depth three feet. Each boat carried 1500 to 1800 bushels of coal with a draft of two feet six to two feet eight inches. It was manned by four men, two operated oars extending, one from each side; one, known as the "headsman," operated an oar extending from the bow and the fourth, known as the "steersman" and Captain, operated an oar extending from the stern of the boat and directed the work of the crew. The boats were built along Wills Creek, the construction being more or less continuous throughout the year. The magnificent white pine forests which at that time existed west of Cumberland furnished an ample supply of boat material.

The coal was unloaded from the wagons and stored in large piles along the river bank awaiting a rise in the water on which it would be possible to run the boats with safety.

When the weather conditions promised a "boating stage" the work of loading the boats was pushed as rapidly as possible, in order to send off all available boats while the water was high enough to admit

¹ See also p. 223.

navigation. The loading gang consisted of four men, two shovellers, one wheelbarrow man and one trimmer on the boat.

Twenty boats have been known to depart in one fleet and as many as forty in one day. Such a departure was an event in the life of the town and usually brought to the river bank crowds of sightseers. There was usually a prolonged boating stage from March until May and frequently a short period, known as the "strawberry" freshet in June. Occasionally coal could be taken down in the fall of the year.

The boats were frail affairs and to touch a rock usually meant the loss of the boat and occasionally the drowning of one or more of the crew. They were sold at destination for what they would bring and the crew returned on foot.

There was another boat used for general merchandise, which was a more substantial affair, sharp at both ends. These carried grain and flour down the river and brought back salt and general supplies. They were manned by crews of eight or ten men and propelled by poles, the poles being set against the bottom of the river and the operator walking along the wide gunwale towards the stern of the boat. Coal was not carried on these boats. At the falls above Georgetown these boats passed through locks on the Virginia side of the river and at Harpers Ferry there were rings fixed in the rocks at suitable points to each of which a line was carried in turn and the boat warped up the stream by the crew hauling on the line.

A few years before the close of these boating operations it was found profitable to build another class of boat for the coal trade known as the "sprung rib" boat. These were constructed by a sheathing on frames of hewed timbers bent after steaming. They had round bottoms, sharp prows, and square sterns and were sold at tidewater to parties engaged in the transportation of wood from the tidal portions of the Potomac River to Washington and other cities.

The boating was participated in very generally by all classes. Farmers and men from other occupations were in the habit of building a boat or two during the winter, loading it and running it

through with the spring high water as a means of obtaining ready cash.

Market prices for coal ranged from seven to eight cents per bushel at Cumberland, twenty-eight to thirty-three cents at Williamsport, thirty-five to forty-five at Harpers Ferry, and fifty to sixty at Georgetown. Wages of boatmen varied from \$10 to \$12 per trip and \$15 to Georgetown on the "push boats" which were brought back.

This method of transportation gradually disappeared in the face of railroad competition and ceased entirely on the completion of the canal to Cumberland.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was completed to Cumberland in 1842 and for some time coal was brought to Dam No. 6, to which point the canal had been completed, and there loaded on canal boats for shipment to tide-water.

The Mt. Savage and Cumberland Railroad was built in 1844 from Cumberland to Mt. Savage by the Maryland and New York Mining Company and the line from Cumberland to Eckhart, now known as the Eckhart Branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, was built a few years later by the Maryland Mining Company.

This Maryland Mining Company, chartered in 1828, was the first chartered company in the region. It operated what is now known as the Eckhart Mine and, until the completion of its railroad, sent its product to Cumberland by wagon. Upon the completion of the railroad to Mt. Savage, tramways were built from the mines north of Frostburg to Mt. Savage and the coal was then transported in mine cars and loaded on the railroad cars at the latter point.

About this time an interesting experiment was made by the construction of a flume or sluiceway from Vale Summit to Clarysville on the Maryland Mining Company's Railroad for the transportation of coal by a stream of water.

Owing to its fragile nature the coal was so much damaged by this operation that the scheme was promptly abandoned.

A tramway was built from Clarysville to Lonaconing by way of Vale Summit which appears to have been used exclusively for the

transportation of pig iron from the furnace of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company at the latter point.

In 1850 the Frostburg Coal Company had extensive coking yards at Mt. Savage and the practice of coking the coal was extensively followed by this and other companies in the region. This coke was used by the local furnaces, at that time in operation, and was also shipped east for locomotive use. Mr. Robert G. Rankin in 1855 states that "The opinion seems to prevail among northern railway operators, that this (Georges Creek) coal is only fitted for northern engines when it is coked; but when prejudice gives way to fair investigation and experiment, *it is confidently believed that the crude Cumberland coal will be found to contain more combustible matter, pound for pound, than the coke.*"

The companies in business and shipping by rail in 1850 were the Frostburg Mining Companies and the Alleghany Mining Company, loading at Mt. Savage; and the Maryland Mining Company and the Washington Coal Company, loading at Eckhart on the Maryland Mining Company's Railroad.

The freight rate to Cumberland of three cents per ton-mile remained unchanged from the opening of the roads, while the rate from Cumberland to Baltimore suffered several heavy reductions from \$3.66 in 1845-6 and \$2.64 in 1846-7 to \$2.46 in 1849. Upon the completion of the canal to Cumberland this rate was further reduced to \$1.75 to be advanced in a few years to \$2.25.

The permanence of the rate west of Cumberland as was to be expected aroused no small amount of feeling among the shippers and numerous efforts were made to obtain a reduction, the movement even going so far as a petition to the Legislature for statutory relief. Additional evidence of this friction exists in the passage of a bill in 1849 providing for an equitable distribution of cars to all shippers.

Mining rate was twenty-eight cents in the Pittsburg seam and fifty-five cents in the smaller seams, a difference well-calculated to keep the latter out of the market.

The Pittsburg seam, known generally as the "Big Vein," was being rapidly bought up, in some cases largely as a speculation. Much of it was obtained as low as ten dollars per acre.

In 1852 ownership was distributed about as follows:

Cumberland Coal & Iron Co. (successor to Maryland Mining Co.)	6000	acres.
Georges Creek Coal and Iron Co.....	3000	"
Smaller Companies about Frostburg.....	2500	"
Baltimore capitalists	2000	"
Original owners	4500	"
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		18,000 acres.

Upon the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Piedmont, W. Va., in 1853 the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company built a railroad up the valley of Georges Creek to Lonaconing and abandoned its tramway to Clarysville. Its operations had previously been confined to the manufacture of iron, but it now became a shipper of coal also.

The Mt. Savage and Cumberland Railroad was extended to Frostburg in 1852 and at that time recognized as its shippers the Frostburg Mining Company, Borden Mining Company, Withers Mining Company, Parker Vein Coal Company and the Chesapeake Coal Company. In 1857 it was extended to Lonaconing and in 1864 the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company's road from Lonaconing to Piedmont was purchased and consolidated under the charter of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad.

Little effort appears to have been made up to this time looking to consolidations among the various operators, with the exception of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company and the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company the various properties embraced tracts of a few hundred acres only.

In 1860 an act was passed incorporating the Consolidation Coal Company of Maryland and in 1864 the Company was organized, embracing the properties of the "Ocean Steam Coal Company," "Frostburg Mining Company," and "Mt. Savage Iron Company,"

which latter owned the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company. These properties included a total of nine thousand acres of surface about four thousand acres of which was underlain by the Pittsburg seam. This movement towards consolidation is generally credited to Mr. William H. Aspinwall of New York, who, with his associates, had recently purchased a tract extending across the basin in the neighborhood of Squirrel Neck and Wrights Run, and had organized the Ocean Steam Coal Company.

A further move toward consolidation was made in 1869 when the following circular was issued, which, incidentally, draws an interesting picture of the coal trade conditions.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANIES MINING CUMBERLAND
COAL IN ALLEGANY CO., MARYLAND.

AN EXPERIENCE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HAS CONVINCED MANY OF THE MOST PRACTICAL AND SAGACIOUS PERSONS, WHOSE INTERESTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND COAL MINES, THAT THOSE INTERESTS CAN ONLY BE MADE REASONABLY REMUNERATIVE BY A COMPLETE CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT. THE TOTAL PRODUCT OF 1708 TONS IN 1842 HAS BEEN INCREASED, BY THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF TRADE, TO 1,330,443 TONS IN 1868, WITH A PROSPECT OF 1,500,000 TONS IN 1869, AND YET, OF THE IMMENSE CAPITAL WHICH HAS BEEN INVESTED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, IN COAL PROPERTY, HOW LARGE A PROPORTION HAS BEEN SWEEPED AWAY, AND OF THAT NOW REPRESENTING THE MINING INTERESTS HOW INSIGNIFICANT IS THE PROPORTION WHICH, EVEN OCCASIONALLY, MAKES ANY RETURN TO THE PROPRIETORS. THREE REASONS MAY BE GIVEN TO EXPLAIN THESE UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS. *First*, REMOTENESS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MARKETS, WITH INSUFFICIENCY AND HIGH COST OF TRANSPORTATION THERETO; *Second*, HEAVY EXPENSES OF MULTIPLIED ADMINISTRATION, AND *Third*, RUINOUS AND, UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, UNCONTROLLABLE COMPETITION.

THE FIRST OF THESE OBSTACLES WOULD INEVITABLY SUBSIDE, IF NOT DISAPPEAR, UNDER A SYSTEMATIC AND UNIFIED APPORTIONMENT OF PRODUCTION TO DEMAND; THE SECOND AND THIRD WOULD OBVIOUSLY VANISH BY THE SUBSTITUTION OF A SINGLE MANAGEMENT, IN THE COMMON INTEREST, FOR THE TWENTY-ONE SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH, WITH THEIR COMPLICATED AND EXPENSIVE MACHINERY, NOW ABSORB THE MODICUM OF PROFIT WHICH IS LEFT TO THE OWNERS OF THE MINES.

FIVE OF THE LARGEST COMPANIES HAVING, WITH OTHERS, TRIED FOR YEARS,

BUT IN VAIN, TO REMEDY THE EVILS ABOVE ADVERTED TO, BY HARMONY OF ACTION, HAVE AT LENGTH DETERMINED TO FIND, IF PRACTICABLE, A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BY UNITING THEIR PROPERTIES UNDER ONE ORGANIZATION, PERMANENT AND HOMOGENEOUS. A SUITABLE AGENT HAS BEEN SELECTED TO INVESTIGATE THE RELATIVE AREAS AND VALUES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COAL LANDS, PRELIMINARY, IT IS HOPED, TO THE ADOPTION OF AN EQUITABLE BASIS OF INCORPORATION. THESE FIVE COMPANIES ARE NOW MOVING IN PERFECT ACCORD TOWARD THAT OBJECT, AND HAVE ESTABLISHED A JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION. WITHIN A MONTH IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO PROCEED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH A BASIS. TO THIS END IT IS EARNESTLY DESIRED THAT AS MANY COMPANIES NOW OPERATING IN THE CUMBERLAND COAL REGION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY SHOULD UNITE IN HAVING THEIR LANDS SURVEYED AND APPRAISED; OR, IF NOT THAT, THAT THEY WILL, AT LEAST, APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE, OR MORE THAN ONE AND NOT MORE THAN THREE, TO MEET WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE, AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE BEARINGS OF THIS SCHEME ON THEIR VARIOUS INTERESTS. STOCKHOLDERS ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO PRESS THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT UPON THE CONSIDERATION OF THEIR DIRECTORS.

COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO EITHER OF THE OFFICERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, WHOSE NAMES ARE AFFIXED, REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN, BORDEN, CONSOLIDATION, CUMBERLAND COAL & IRON, AND HAMPSHIRE & BALTIMORE COMPANIES.

ALLAN CAMPBELL (Prest. C. C. & I. Co.),
Chairman Joint Committee, 90 Broadway.

JAMES S. MACKIE (Vice-Prest. Consol. Coal Co.),
Secretary Joint Committee, 71 Broadway.

NEW YORK, May 31, 1869.

The "suitable agent" selected "to investigate the areas and values" was Mr. J. T. Hodge, a Mining Geologist of standing and experience. He, with several assistants, spent six months in the work submitting his report under date of November 18, 1869. He appears to have made a very complete study and, with the exception of one or two of the properties not in sympathy with the movement, the report contains very full information. The tabulated summary shows following facts:

TABLE OF PROPERTIES

CONTAINING THE GREAT COAL BED OF THE CUMBERLAND BASIN.

Name	Acres of coal	Acres exhausted	Acres remaining	Tons ship'd to date
Withers Mining Co.....	....	...	....	27,792
New York Mining Co.....	650?	...	650?	4,100
Alleghany Mining Co.....	391	100	291	614,843
Borden Mining Co.....	762	227	535	1,388,463
Cumberland Coal & Iron Co.....	4900	600	4300	3,130,282
Consolidation Coal Co.....	3323	275	3048	1,489,609
Wright Farm	484	...	484	.....
Blaen Avon Coal Co.....	57	...	.57	.....
Johnson [now Shaw]	72	...	.57	.....
Midlothian Coal & Iron Co.....	60	13	47	.....
Koontz	500?	...	500?	.....
Hampshire & Balto. Coal Co.....	303	143	160	1,170,483
Georges Creek C. & I. Co.....	1550?	200	1350	1,144,260
Maryland, or Savage Mt. Coal Co....	500?	5	495	28,250
National Coal Co.....	85	7	78	41,989
Central Coal M. & M. Co.....	793	235	558	1,289,473
Atlantic & Georges Creek Coal Co....	54	30	24	163,858
American Coal Co.....	1119	274	845	1,508,065
Davis & Rieman	144	...	144	.....
Piedmont Coal & Iron Co.....	140?	70	70?	397,967
Barton Coal Co.....	180	38	142	211,498
Potomac Coal Co.....	94	58	36	322,579
Swanton Mining Co.....	140?	68	72?	371,664
Georges Creek Mining Co.....	200?	35	165?	194,094
Franklin Coal Co.....	300?	122	178?	672,248
S. P. Smith [Hoy tracts].....	203	25	178	.....
Humbertson Tract.....	49	...	49	.....
Jacobs Tract	24?
Hixenbaugh Tract	100?
Percy Tract [Boston owners]	80?
Kite Tract	25?

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The report was very unsatisfactory to a number of the parties interested and appears to have put an end to the "perfect accord" with which the signatory companies were moving at the date of the circular. The scheme failed utterly with the exception of the acquisition of the property of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company by

the Consolidation Coal Company which took place in March, 1870, and included the railroad from Cumberland to Eckhart.

This brought to the Consolidation Coal Company more than half the coal lands of the region and all of the railroad facilities. The property of the Alleghany Coal Company was acquired in 1872 and the coal under the Wright Farm a few years later, practically completing the holdings of this company as they now exist.

Up to this time the only outlet for the product of the region had been the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Canal, but in 1872 the Bedford and Bridgeport Railroad was constructed in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and by means of a traffic arrangement with the Huntington and Broad Top Railroad the facilities of the former road were brought to the Maryland and Pennsylvania state line of Ellerslie, and the construction of a line from Kreighbaums to the State Line provided an outlet to the Pennsylvania system.

The Pennsylvania Railroad was thus brought into direct competition with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the business of the region. To meet this condition the stock of the Consolidation Coal Company, the largest shipper, was largely acquired by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and friendly interests, and in 1877 a full board of directors, friendly to this interest was elected with Mr. Chas. F. Mayer as president.

The connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad was thus rendered ineffective and in 1880 the Cumberland and Georges Creek Railroad, from Cumberland to Lonaconing, was built in the interest of this road and the American and Maryland, and subsequently, the New Central Companies abandoned their connections with the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and confined their subsequent shipments to the Pennsylvania route. A few years later connection was also made with this road by the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company without abandoning their facilities on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad.

Previous to the year 1890 the Pittsburg seam, known locally as the "Big Vein," had supplied practically all the tonnage of the

region. Numerous efforts had been made to work the other seams with occasional temporary success which, however, had not resulted in the development of any operations of importance.

The first of these efforts to attain permanent success was that of the Franklin Coal Company in working the "Tyson" or "Sewickly" coal, situated some sixty feet above the Pittsburg seam. On the property of this company this coal is about six feet high with no slate. The coal from this seam was successfully mixed with that from the Pittsburg seam for a number of years. With the gradual exhaustion of the Pittsburg bed the demand for other sources of supply became imperative and large amounts of money were spent in prospecting. As on the Franklin property, some success was encountered with the beds above the Pittsburg by mixing with the product of the latter, but all the companies having any considerable business to provide for have been obliged to secure properties in other regions in order to supply the demands.

The excessive activity in the coal business which originated about the year 1901 has stimulated the development of the lower seams and a number of operations in these seams are being successfully worked, notably along the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway, where the freight rates are more favorable to the competition with the coal from other sources, which must be met.

LABOR.

The earliest mining required a small number of men which were readily recruited from the neighborhood. The increased demand following the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to Cumberland, was largely supplied from among the laborers who had assisted in the construction of these works. These men were principally Irish, who, at that time, were coming to this country in large numbers owing to the famine and the disturbed political conditions in their own land.

As the workings became more extended and more skill was required in their prosecution, men were brought over from the mining dis-

tricts of Scotland and Wales as foremen. These were naturally followed by their friends and acquaintances from the regions they had left and these two nationalities have supplied the bulk of the labor.

As the number of men increased the usual friction between employeès and the operators manifested itself. For many years each establishment acted independently in the matter of wage agreements and strikes were numerous though usually confined to one or two properties.

The growth of the Knights of Labor in the later "seventies" included this region and by 1880 the organization was well established. As there was no unity of action among the operators, the control of the properties practically passed into the hands of the employees, even down to the smallest details of discipline. This system ultimately caused the operators to enter into a combination which, in 1882, reduced the mining rate from sixty-five to fifty cents per ton, and fought the resulting strike as a unit.

This strike lasted six months and was bitterly contested. The Consolidation Coal Company introduced outside labor when the strike was about three months old, but the movement was so managed that there was no bloodshed.

The men brought in at this time were mostly Germans, Swedes, and Slavs who had had no experience in mining, but after a few weeks training under the foremen who remained loyal to the Company, they produced a very satisfactory grade of coal. A few of them are still in the region, but an interesting peculiarity, especially of the Germans and Swedes, was their tendency to purchase farms and embark in agriculture as soon as they had accumulated a little money in mining.

At the close of the strike the men went to work on the operators' terms.

Since the close of this strike the operators have continued to act as a unit on all matters affecting wages.

The organization of the Knights of Labor died out and was re-

placed in 1886 by another organization under the name of the Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers.

This revival resulted in a strike of two months duration in which the men demanded an increase of ten cents per ton on the rate of forty cents, then prevailing, but returned to work without securing any concessions.

In 1894 the condition of the trade made a reduction in wages necessary and an effort was made to effect this by a compromise with the men. A meeting was arranged in Cumberland to which each mine was requested to send delegates. The meeting was duly held, attended by delegates from each mine and by a representative from each employer. The situation was explained by the employers' representatives and the necessity for the reduction, in order to meet the competition of other regions, was fully set forth. The delegates disclaimed any authority to accept or reject the proposed reduction, but offered to report to their constituents and notify the operators, through the Superintendents, what their action would be. Cordial expressions of good will were made by both parties and the best feeling prevailed. The delegates reported as agreed upon and with the exception of two or three mines, notified the Superintendents that the reduction from fifty to forty cents per ton for mining would be accepted to last until such time as the market conditions would justify a return to the rate of fifty cents. Work was continued throughout the region at the new rate and the prospects for a peaceable solution of the question were all that could be asked.

A few weeks afterwards, Mr. W. B. Wilson, an officer of the United Mine Workers appeared in the region and after some time persuaded the men to declare what was called a "suspension" until such time as the stoppage of the shipments should cause an advance in the market price of coal and enable the operators to pay a higher price. The fallacy of this idea was soon apparent since the stoppage had no effect on the market prices as practically all the business had been contracted for at prices based on the rate for which the men had already agreed to work. With the exception of

the Eckhart, Alleghany and Hoffman mines of the Consolidation Coal Company all the mines in the region suspended operations. The men employed in these mines held meetings and resolved that having given their promise to work at the forty cent rate they were in honor bound to do so.

The usual methods were employed to induce the men at work to join the strike. Large bodies of strikers thronged the roads as these men went to work each morning. The efforts, confined at first to good humored bantering, gradually become more ill-natured and threatening until the Sheriff felt obliged to ask the Governor for troops. The fourth and fifth regiments of the Maryland National Guard responded, the latter remaining until relieved by the first regiment. Under the protection of the military, the work proceeded at the mines not on strike, and after some three weeks of this protection all the mines throughout the region resumed.

This was followed by a practical abandonment of anything like organization by the men, until 1899 when it was again revived under the leadership of Mr. William Warner of the United Mine Workers of America.

The first step was an address purporting to come from the employees, independent of the organization, asking for a meeting with the operators similar to that held in 1894. So many of the operators still cherished feelings of resentment at the failure of their employees to carry out their promises in 1894, that it was impossible to arrange such a meeting, and in its stead a circular, addressed to the employees and signed by all the operators was issued and posted at the mines. This had little effect on the conservative element and was used by the agitators to stir up the men with the statement that the operators considered it beneath their dignity to treat with the men. The agitation proceeded apace with the avowed object of obtaining an advance in the mining rate from forty-five to fifty-five cents per ton. In February, 1900, the operators notified the employees that after the first day of April the rate would be advanced to fifty-five cents per ton. The demand of the men was then ad-

vanced to sixty cents and on March 31 the organization was considered strong enough for a demonstration.

A mass meeting was called at Lonaconing on that day and with the exception of about forty per cent of the employees of the Consolidation Coal Company, the employees of all the operators failed to report for work. The Consolidation Coal Company suspended eighty men who had taken part in this movement and its employees struck to secure their reinstatement. This being a question of discipline and not one of wages could be taken up by the officers of the affected company independent of the other employers and through the agency of some of the business men of Frostburg arrangements were made for Mr. C. K. Lord, President of the Consolidation Coal Company to meet a committee of his own employees in Baltimore, but before this could be carried out the authorities of the United Mine Workers called a general strike in which the lesser issue was obscured.

This strike lasted four months and involved every property in the region. The anxiety to work at the wages offered was so great that continual activity on the part of the violent element resulted. Assaults were numerous and a number were injured but no lives were lost. A special session of court was called and twenty of those most active in these assaults were convicted and sentenced for periods ranging up to six months in the House of Correction.

The men returned to work without obtaining any concessions. Since this strike the United Mine Workers have maintained a few lodges with small and uncertain membership and have had paid representatives in the region for considerable periods, but they are not recognized in any way by the employers.

Throughout the foregoing paper continuous effort has been made to limit the sources of information to printed records and first hand statements in all important matters. The information concerning river shipments was obtained from Mr. George Hughes of Cumberland who was actively engaged in the work. Reports of experts and annual reports of Presidents of the various corporations have been relied on principally for the remaining matter.

THE COAL MINES OF MARYLAND

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INTRODUCTORY.

The coal mines of Maryland, as already shown, are confined to the two western counties of the State, Allegany and Garrett, and occur in five synclinal troughs, the most important of which lies on a narrow strip of territory on either side of the valley of Georges Creek known as the Georges Creek Coal Basin.

Second in importance to the Georges Creek valley as a coal-mining region is the southwestern extension of the Georges Creek Coal Basin along the North Branch of the Potomac river on the border line of the States of Maryland and West Virginia. The mines in this region in many instances are in the State of Maryland while the coal from them is brought to and shipped by the West Virginia Central Railroad in West Virginia. This region is known as the North Potomac Coal Basin.

Three other synclinal basins containing the coals of the Allegheny formation are found in Garrett county, but the development of these areas is as yet limited to openings intended only to supply coal for local domestic uses.

THE GEORGES CREEK-UPPER POTOMAC BASIN.

Throughout the Georges Creek coal region the Pittsburg seam, "Big Vein," or "Fourteen-foot Vein" as it was also formerly called, has furnished and still supplies the greater part of the coal produced, and the coal from this seam has a quality for steam-producing pur-

poses and a thickness of bed equal if not superior to the best other "steam" or semi-bituminous coals in the world.

In addition to the Pittsburg seam or "Big Vein" of the Georges Creek valley, the lower coal beds of the Allegheny, or Lower Productive Coal Measures of Pennsylvania, appear at the surface at the southern end of the basin and are now extensively mined from Moscow to Westernport and Bloomington, and still farther to the southwest along the west bank of the Potomac river on the eastern border of Garrett county.

At Barrellville, a few miles beyond the northeastern extremity of the Georges Creek region proper, the coal beds of the Allegheny coal series are operated and shipped to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad over a branch railroad owned and operated by the Cumberland Basin Coal Company.

Two coal beds of the Monongahela series lying above the Pittsburg seam are also worked in the vicinity of Frostburg, Lonaconing, and Barton.

For 62 years the coal beds of the Georges Creek region (principally the "Big Vein") have been operated, and in that period, extending to the end of the year 1903, 110,249,945 tons of coal have been produced. The yearly output of coal from the Georges Creek region increased from 1708 tons in 1842 to 4,350,954 tons in 1902, when the high-water mark of coal production in that region was reached. In 1903 the production fell off somewhat, the output of the region for that year decreasing to 3,977,130 tons.

The coal of this district is known commercially as "Georges Creek coal." Sometimes it is called "Cumberland coal," and formerly it was often sold under the name of "Piedmont coal."

THE PITTSBURG SEAM, OR "BIG VEIN."

The "Big Vein," which seems to correspond in geological horizon to the Pittsburg coal bed of Pennsylvania, at one time spread over the greater part of western Maryland, western Pennsylvania, and

West Virginia, as well as other western and southern States, is now nowhere to be found in the State of Maryland except in or on either edge of the narrow synclinal basin about 20 miles long, extending from Mount Savage to Westernport, and in two small detached areas in the Potomac valley. Through nearly the middle of this basin Georges Creek has cut its way from Ocean southward to the Potomac river, and Jennings Run has eroded its bed from Frostburg northward to Mount Savage, and to compensate in some measure for the wholesale destruction of incalculable wealth the erosive action of the waters has made such natural conditions through these valleys that what remains of this coal bed has been generally cheaply and easily mined.

Near the northern end of the basin the "Big Vein" underlies the town of Frostburg, but close to the northern, eastern, and western borders of the town erosion has brought it to the surface, so that its outcrop is entered and mined by drifts and slopes in the mines of the Consolidation, Union, and other mining companies. From Frostburg to Ocean mine No. 1 of the Consolidation Coal Company, a distance of four miles, the "Big Vein" is beneath the surface and outcrops only on the edge of the basin, the greatest width of which is three and a half miles. At Ocean mine No. 1 Georges Creek has cut through to this coal bed, and from Ocean southward to Westernport that creek and its tributary streams have eroded their courses deeper and deeper into the underlying measures exposing one after another of the lower Conemaugh and Allegheny series of coal beds, leaving numerous detached knobs of "Big Vein" coal of greater or less area, which outcrop high up on the hills on both sides of the Georges Creek valley.

Thickness of the "Big Vein."—The "Big Vein" coal bed of Georges Creek was formerly called the "Fourteen-foot Vein" from the usual thickness of the seam at the southwestern end of the basin near Piedmont, West Virginia, and Westernport, Maryland. At this end of the basin the coal is thickest and its thickness gradually decreases toward the northeast. At Frostburg the height of the coal

is not more than 8 or 9 feet, and at the latter point a parting of shale or "slate" of considerable thickness appears between the upper and lower benches of the coal and extends northeastward to the northern limits of the basin.

Working the "Big Vein" coal bed.—The room and pillar system in some of its various modifications is the method of mining commonly employed in working the coal of the "Big Vein" coal bed in

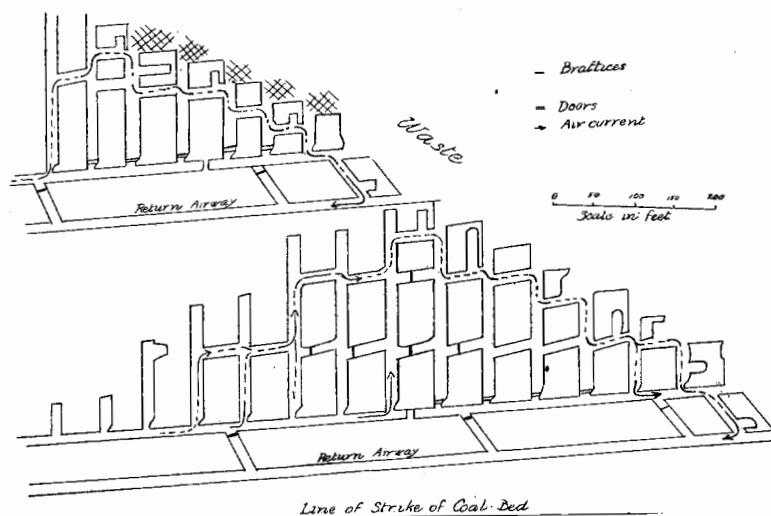


FIG. 28.—Diagram showing a Section of the Workings of the "Big Vein" for Mine No. 1, Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.

the mines of the Georges Creek region. Two or more main headings or entries, parallel to each other, with a pillar of coal between them varying in thickness from 50 to 100 feet, are driven from the entrance of the mine into the area to be worked. One of these entries is used for haulage, one for an airway for the return ventilation, and sometimes a third and separate one is driven for a "manway" or "traveling way" for the use of the miners in going to and from the working places. Off the main entries at intervals of from 300 to 500 feet side entries are turned at angles of 30° to 90° from the course of the

main entries and are driven in pairs to the extremities of the area to be mined. One of each set of two parallel entries is used for haulage, a travelling way for miners, and for a passage way for the air going into the working places. The other is for the return air on its way to the main entry after it has ventilated the rooms and pillars. The side headings are driven on such courses that the grades of the haulage tracks will be in favor of the loaded mine cars coming out, which also insures natural drainage from the innermost workings of the mine toward the main entry and from thence to the surface through the mouth of the mine, or to the sump.

The side headings divide the coal into blocks 300 to 500 feet wide. Through these blocks rooms are driven, extending from the haulage-way of one pair of headings to the return airway of the pair of headings next above them, in the direction of the "rise" of the coal bed. Side entries are driven usually 8 feet wide parallel to each other and with about 50 feet of coal between each pair. Rooms are made from 12 to 16 feet wide with a pillar of coal between them from 30 to 75 feet thick, the size of the pillars depending upon the thickness of the "cover" or rock strata lying above the coal bed.

In some of the mines of Georges Creek the rooms are driven as the headings advance. Sometimes every other room is driven as the entries advance and the intermediate rooms are not driven until just before the pillars are to be drawn. In other mines rooms are not broken off from the headings until the latter reach the limits of the area to be worked. Then a limited number of rooms are driven at the interior end of the headings, and as soon as the rooms are through the block of coal above the headings the pillars are drawn. The method of drawing rooms as the headings advance furnishes the quickest output of coal in opening a mine, but does not secure as large a yield of coal to the area as when the rooms are not driven until the headings reach their limits and the rooms broken off at the end of the headings. The Consolidation Coal Company adopts the plan of turning off the side entries at an acute angle from the course

of the main entries, in order to reach their boundaries by the shortest course.

Roof coal, props, etc.—Immediately overlying the “Big Vein” is a brittle slate interstratified with thin seams of coal known as the “Wild Coal” or “Rashings.” Upon exposure to the air the wild coal crumbles and falls. To prevent it from falling some of the coal of the upper portion of the seam known as the roof coal is commonly left. The roof coal contains many “slips” or inverted wedge-shaped masses, formed by the cleavage planes of the coal bed. To prevent these from falling it is necessary to use props in all of the wider working places of the mines. Props are placed near the center of the rooms and about 4 feet apart. The props are cut, by the miners who set them, slightly shorter than the height of the coal, and a wedge of wood called a “cap-piece” is driven between the prop and the roof. Frequently the prop supports a “cross-bar” placed at right angles to the course of the room and the prop and cross-bar are wedged securely between the floor and roof by a cap-piece. Generally the cross-bars are let into the coal of the “rib,” or side of the room. Sometimes two props are placed under each cross-bar, one near each end of the bar. The cross-bar and the prop or props supporting it are called a “set of timbers.” To lessen the danger from “slips,” rooms are driven, where it is possible, in a direction oblique to the course of the cleavage planes of the “slips.” The course of these slips in the central portion of the region is S. 28° E. By taking this precaution the “rib” or unmined coal of the pillar is made to assist in keeping the slips from falling. More serious and fatal accidents occur from the unexpected fall of these slips than from any other cause. The timbering is kept close to the face of the rooms, and not more than 5 or 6 feet of unsupported roof is allowed between the timbers and the face of rooms. The course or direction of entries and rooms is directed by “points,” which consist of two strings suspended from nails driven into the roof of the mine. The “point nails” and strings are set by a transit or compass. The line joining the point strings is the course or direction on which the entry or room is to be

driven. Each time the miner cuts his place he is required to sight over the "point strings" to a light held at the "face" of the place he is driving, and to cut a "rib" or side of the place so that it is from one to two feet from and parallel with the line of points. Occasionally the heading or room is driven with the point line in the center of it, but the usual custom of the region is to "carry from one to two feet of points on the left-hand rib."

"Break-throughs."—The absence of fire-damp enables the miners to drive their working places long distances in the coal with safety without breaking through the pillar from one entry or room to the next for ventilation. In some mines it has been the practice to leave the pillars between the entries unbroken for distances of 400 feet or more, and the pillars between rooms have frequently remained unbroken throughout their entire length until the pillars are ready to be drawn. Of late years, however, owing to the introduction of powder for blowing down the coal and the requirements of the mining laws, "break-throughs" or cross-cuts are driven through the pillars as the working places advance at distances apart not greater than 35 yards.

The width of rooms, and the size of the pillars left between the rooms, vary according to the thickness of the "cover" or overhanging strata. Where the cover is "light," as is more likely to be the case on the edges of the basin, a pillar 20 feet wide is sufficient to ensure safety to the workings of the mine. Where the cover is heavier thicker pillars are required. In many mines care is now taken to leave a solid body of coal below each set of rooms, of sufficient size to stop or localize a "squeeze" or "crush" of the coal if it should occur. Experience has taught the operators that many rooms should not be driven in a block of coal unless the pillars are drawn as soon as the rooms are through to the heading above, and then the pillars should be brought back as quickly as possible. The neglect of these precautions has caused the loss of large areas of "Big Vein" coal.

Lifting bottoms.—Until about fifteen years ago the coal in the lower bench, or what is commonly known as "the bottoms" of the

"Big Vein," was not considered marketable coal on account of the slate partings it contains, and many acres of this valuable bench of coal have been buried in the waste and can never be recovered. The bottom coal in the central part of the region has always two and often three thin slates. The lowest lies about 1 foot from the pavement and varies in thickness from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the thickness of a sheet of paper. The other two slates, neither of them over an inch thick, are found about 6 inches apart and from 2 to 3 feet from the floor of the coal bed. With the full height of the "Big Vein" of 10 or 11 feet in the central part of the basin, the heaving of the pavement and settling of the roof when the pillars are being drawn frequently reduce the height of the haulage road so much that it is often difficult for a mine car to pass under the cross-bars and into the pillar before all of the coal is removed. The timbers first set are bent and broken so that it becomes necessary to place new sets of timbers with shorter props between the original sets.

When the breast coal only is mined and the height of the place is, therefore, from two and one-half to three and one-half feet less than where the bottoms are lifted it is still more difficult to retain head-room for cars to pass to and from the pillars. This consideration, as well as the three feet or more of coal gained in working the bottom coal, is found to overbalance the extra labor and care required in separating the slates in the bottom bench. By careful mining this bottom coal becomes quite as marketable as the breast coal and few operators now adhere to the old custom of mining only the breast coal.

Drawing pillars.—When a number of rooms at the interior end of a heading are finished the pillars of coal between them are taken out, and to secure the greatest yield of coal from the pillars the "pillar drawing" is done as quickly as possible. Pillaring is begun near the end of the last interior room of a heading by driving a cross-cut into the pillar which lies between that room and the boundary or "waste," as the case may be. Through this cut the stump of coal between it and the waste is removed. When the latter stump is finished, an-

other cut is made into the same pillar about 30 feet farther down the room than the first cut. At the same time that the second cut in the room next to the boundary is being driven a cut is started near the end of the second room from the boundary and is driven through the pillar between the two last rooms. When all the coal that can be gotten is taken out of the stumps that lie above the two last-named cuts, new cuts are started in each of the two last rooms about 30 feet below each former cut, and simultaneously the first cut is started near the end of the third room from the boundary, and so on. As soon as the coal above the first cut in each room is mined, the first cut in the room next outside of it is driven towards the boundary, and pillaring in that room is begun. As soon as each cut is finished and the coal above it taken out, a new cut is started lower down the room until the pillars are brought back to the haulage heading, then the stump between the haulage heading and the return air heading is gradually brought back toward the main entries by cross-cutting it in the same manner as the pillars between the rooms. In some cases the pillars on both sides of a room are taken out from the one room and several modifications of the general plan of robbing pillars just described is resorted to where conditions require it.

While the pillars between rooms are being drawn new rooms are driven into the block of coal between the old rooms already up that are being pillared and the main heading, unless rooms have been previously driven while the headings advanced. These new rooms take the place of those that are finished, and so the output of the mine is kept up to a regular capacity.

In drawing pillars care is used to take out all the coal possible. Not only on account of the commercial value but also to induce the strata above the "waste," or coal taken out, to break through to the surface. For when the rocks lying above the waste are properly broken their weight falls upon the waste and the pressure upon the coal in the pillars is relieved. If the coal in the pillars is not thoroughly taken out what is left prevents the strata above the waste from falling and breaking, the pressure rides over onto the pillars

and, if other conditions are favorable, produces a "squeeze" or "crush," until finally no amount of propping will prevent the rooms from falling in. Often when a mine is idle for any length of time from any cause, unless the mine is frequently examined and timbers set where needed, the roof falls in, in places. If the fall occurs in a heading the debris is taken outside of the mine or else thrown into cross-cuts no longer needed for ventilation, et cetera, but when the fall occurs in a room it is often found more economical not to remove the debris but to drive a new room through the center of the pillar, and the coal on both sides of the new room being thrown from the top downwards. In driving the pillars between rooms where the cover is heavy, it is, therefore, advisable to leave the pillars between them large enough to allow a new room to be driven in them if it should be necessary.

Props are used plentifully through the region at most of the mines. They are generally required to be 4 inches between the bark at the small end, if of hard wood, and 5 inches if of soft wood. Their use is principally for the purpose of keeping the "slips" and loose places of the roof from falling, and they are not expected to support the weight of overlying strata. When the weight of the rocks above the coal bed comes upon them they are soon broken. It is the custom to try to prevent "squeezes" or "crushes" of the rooms and pillars rather than to control them after they have started. Sometimes, however, when a "squeeze" does occur "shanties" are built to stop it. These "shanties" are wooden structures resembling the walls of an old-time log cabin. They are wedged tightly between the pavement and the roof of the mine. The means of prevention of "squeezes" generally used are proper robbing of the pillars to cause the strata to break; the avoidance of having too many rooms at one time in one block of coal; the leaving of a large enough pillar between the rooms, and of a still larger pillar or block of coal between blocks of coal being worked. Keeping the pillars in line as they are drawn back is found to assist greatly in securing the coal in them, since if one or two pillars are out of line with the rest, those out of

place receive an unequal and much greater share of pressure than the others. They become crushed so that they cannot be taken out, while at the same time they prevent the thorough breaking of the strata above the coal. The importance also is realized of protecting all main entries by solid pillars of coal on either side of them, which pillars are not taken out until the workings of the mine are brought back to these headings. When it is possible to do so, the headings are driven to the end of the property and the coal is taken out beginning at the property line, or extreme "inside place" as it is called, and the mine is worked back towards its mouth. Frequently $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total amount of the coal contained in the "Big Vein" is taken out and sometimes more than 13,000 tons per acre is secured.

It has been found that the greatest production of coal per acre has been secured where not more than 12 or 14 parallel rooms in one heading are worked at one time. In one-half of these the pillars are being drawn while the others are being driven.

One of the most serious causes of loss of coal is idleness of the mines. At times the supply of cars is short or, as is not so often the case, the operator has not enough orders for coal to keep the miners working steadily or to their full capacity. Strikes of the miners sometimes enforce idleness of the mines. In all of these cases more or less loss of coal is the result. The longer the pillars stand where the pressure in them is great, the more unsafe to workers they will become. Often a pillar will be perfectly safe one day and the next it will be unfit for men to work in.

Some operators employ a "night shift," or force of men at night, for the special purpose of saving coal of "the pillars" that would be lost if it were left in only over night. Experienced miners know when a place is safe and when it is unsafe to work in, and are careful to protect themselves against accidents by proper timbering of the roof. The condition of the roof is determined by sounding it with a pick. A practiced ear can readily detect when the roof is strong and when it is likely to fall.

Culling the coal.—The coal of the "Big Vein" is soft, can readily

be mined by hand pick-work, and but few coal-mining machines are in use. The first coal-cutting machines introduced into the region were installed by the Consolidation Coal Company in 1899. The machines used are all of the "puncher" type and no chain machines are operated. Mining machines undercut the coal for a distance of five or six feet, and the "breast" is then wedged or bored and shot down by powder¹ or dynamite. A machine runner and a helper are required to operate each machine.

When machines are worked the mining machine's wheels rest upon a broad cutting board. The board is placed close against "the face"

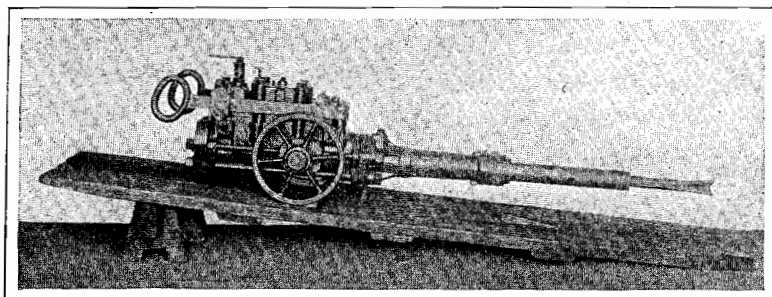


FIG. 29.—Coal-Cutting Machine, called by the miners "a Punching Machine."

and is inclined towards it, so that the weight of the machine is thrown against the face at each stroke or blow of the machine. The machine runner directs the blow to the desired point by the handles. The helper shovels back the coal from the undercut, so that a fresh face of uncut coal is continually exposed to the pick-point of the machine.

The methods of cutting, however, most generally in use throughout the mines of the region is to undercut and side-cut or shear the coal by hand, by means of a pick, and then wedge or blast down the coal. The undercut is made in a soft layer in the breast coal, called the "mining ply." This mining ply is 3 to 6 inches thick and is just

¹The use of powder for blowing down the coal is now prohibited by most of the operators.

above a thin parting of slate which ordinarily occurs about three feet from the floor of the "Big Vein." The coal mined above this bench, known as the breast coal, is then loaded into the mine cars. When all the coal above the slate parting is loaded, the slate is carefully taken up and thrown into the "gob," or place for refuse, on the unused side of the room. Then the lower bench, known as the bottom, is wedged up, cleaned from slate and loaded into the mine cars. The amount of coal that a miner can cut by hand and load per day is about 5 tons. At the present rate of 60 cents per ton for room-work the miner can earn \$2.50 to \$3.00 for a full day's labor. As a rule from two to four men work together in a room, and the coal mined and loaded is divided equally between them. Boys over 14 years old are employed under the supervision of older and more experienced miners. The boys are allowed a "half-turn," that is, they are credited with one-half the labor of a man in the division of the earnings. Care is taken that the drivers distribute the cars to the miners so that each has the same number of cars to load in a day's time. In loading the cars the fine coal is first shovelled into the bed of the car and the lump is used to build up or top it from one foot to eighteen inches about the body of the car.

From the rooms each car as loaded is taken out by a driver with a horse, mule, or motor to the side heading. When the driver has gathered loaded cars from several rooms, the grade of the heading determining the number that can be successfully handled, the driver pulls them out to the main entry, or haulage heading, where they are fastened to the trip on its way to the tipple. Each loaded car bears the check of the miners who have loaded it. When the cars are weighed, just before they are dumped, the man who weighs them, takes off each check and credits the weight of the coal to the miners whose names appear on the weight sheet opposite the number of the check.

The mine cars containing the coal, after being weighed, are emptied, usually without screening, into the railroad cars. The coal from most of the mines of the Georges Creek region is sold as run

of mine. Much care is taken to secure as large a percentage of lump coal as possible. The coal produced in driving headings and rooms is, on an average, coarser and contains a greater percentage of lump coal than that obtained in drawing pillars, especially is this true where the cover is heavy, for the weight upon the pillars then crushes and breaks the coal. For the latter reason the coal produced by the mines lying on the edges of the basin, where the cover is lighter, contains a larger proportion of lump.

Wire rope haulage.—The motive power used on the main haulage headings is usually some application of wire rope haulage. Where the grades of the haulage entry are less than 10 per cent for long roads and 5 per cent for short ones, a tail-rope system is most frequently used. Where the grades are greater, gravity planes are found to be better suited for haulage purposes.

In a tail-rope system the ropes for pulling the empty cars into the mine, called the tail rope, is carried along the side of the track, and is guided and kept in position by iron sheaves. At the inside end of the haulage entry the tail rope passes around a large iron sheave placed horizontally, called a "bull-wheel." The tail rope then returns toward the mouth of the mine, down the center of the haulage track. The end of the tail rope is fastened to the front end of the train or "trip" of empty cars going and by it the "trip" is pulled into the mine. Another rope is attached to the rear end of the "trip," and as the tail rope pulls the "trip" in, the pulling rope is unwound from its drum and taken in with it. When the empty cars have been distributed into the various side headings, the pulling rope is fastened to the front end of a train of loaded cars ready to come out. Each rope is wound on a separate drum, working independently of each other. Each drum has a clutch, so that the engineer can cause it either to revolve on its shaft or to turn with its shaft as required. One engine operates both drums. When the tail-rope drum pulls the rope and with it the train of cars into the mine, the other rope is wound off of its drum. When the pulling rope pulls the loaded cars out of the mine the tail rope is unwound from its

drum. The length of the pulling rope is equal to the length of the haulage road, while the length of the tail rope must be double that of the other.

In the smaller mines where the grades are less than 5 per cent and where the length of the haulage entries is not more than 2000 feet, horse power is generally preferred. Where gravity planes are used, the loaded and empty cars are connected by a wire rope which passes around a drum or set of wheels at the top of the plane. The loaded cars descending lift the empty ones from the foot to the head of the plane. Two or more loaded cars are commonly let down the planes at a time, and the same number of empty cars lifted by them. The speed of the cars is regulated by brake bands acting on the wheels at the head of the plane. These brakes are controlled by a lever operated by the man who "runs the plane."

Another method of underground haulage.—At the power plant of the Consolidation Coal Company's Pumping Shaft, near Borden Shaft, a high-pressure Norwalk Compressor or locomotive charger supplies air for a compressed-air locomotive. The air from this compressor, at a pressure of 800 pounds to the square inch, is carried 6000 feet underground and charges a locomotive used for haulage in the Hoffman mine. A high pressure air compressor at Ocean No. 1 also furnishes air at a pressure of 800 pounds to the square inch to a motor in Ocean No. 8, the pipes for charging the latter passing through the entries of Ocean No. 1.

For gathering loaded mine cars in rooms and side entries and delivering them on rope roads, horses or mules are, as a rule, employed. Mules are preferred to horses by the Consolidation Coal Company, while the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company and other large operators give horses the preference. Mules are less liable to diseases of the hoofs and feet, particularly navicular disease, than horses. On the other hand, the pulling power of a horse is considered to be considerably greater than that of a mule.

The Consolidation Coal Company uses eleven small compressed-air motors for gathering mine cars in the rooms of the Hoffman mine.

A test of the comparative cost of gathering cars by motors and mules in the mine has proved the superiority of the former. An account of the result of this test has been read by Mr. B. S. Randolph, formerly mining superintendent of the Consolidation Coal Company, before the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

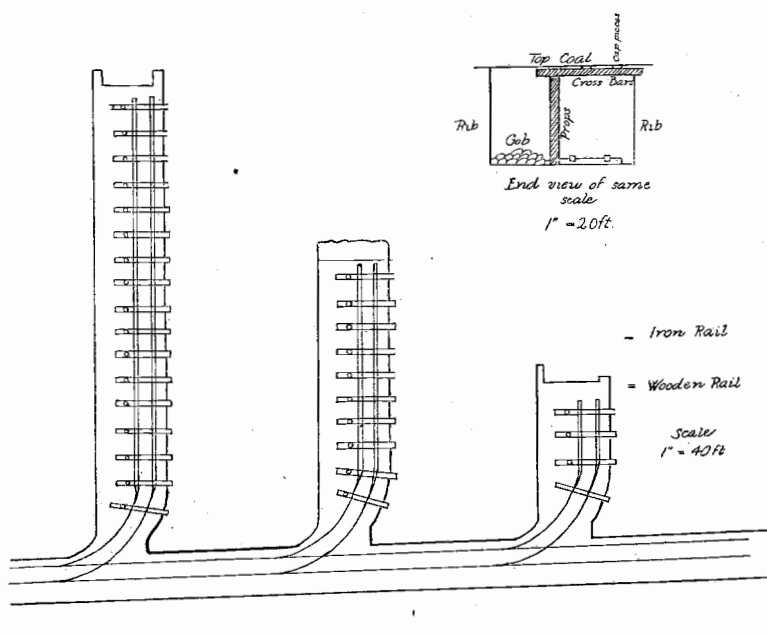


FIG. 30.—Sketch illustrating the usual arrangement of Tracks, Props, and Cross-bars in Rooms.

Where a mine is entered by means of a slope, such as the Eckhart and Hoffman mines of the Consolidation Coal Company, a drum on the surface wound by a stationary engine pulls the loaded cars up the plane by means of a wire rope. The empty cars going down the plane by gravity pull the rope in with them. A tail-rope system, however, brings the coal to the surface on the slope of Ocean No. 1.

Mine tracks.—The gauge of tracks used in the different mines of the region varies from 30 to 48 inches. In headings T-iron weighing

from 16 to 40 pounds per yard is laid upon hewed or sawed cross-ties, the latter placed 18 inches to 2 feet apart. Where the haulage is done by ropes, sheaves, or rollers to guide and reduce the friction of the ropes are fastened to two cross-ties. On straight roads these rollers are of wood, revolving on an iron or wooden spindle.

The roller is kept in position by two wooden supports, each of which has a horizontal hole of slightly longer diameter than the axle of the roller which revolves on it. The roller supports are nailed across two adjoining cross-ties in the middle of the mine car track. On curves the ropes are kept in position by iron sheaves revolving on a vertical axle.

At convenient points in the mine, usually close to where the side headings join the main entries, turnouts, or side tracks are made for the empty cars to pass the loaded ones. On main headings switches or turnouts are constructed of T-iron. In rooms the tracks are generally of wood, the rails, of sawed lumber 4 by 4 inches square, are laid upon angle ties which have notches slightly more than 4 inches wide, cut into one edge of them to receive the rails. The rails are laid on these notches and are held securely to the gauge of the track by a wedge driven on the outside of the rails. The angle ties are laid on the pavement, resting on the base of the triangle opposite the notch which holds the rail. Sometimes strap-iron is nailed upon the wooden rails to prevent wear and lessen friction. The tracks are carried into the rooms as the rooms advance, so that the mine cars can always stand upon the track near enough the face where the coal is mined for the miner to shovel the coal easily into them. The wooden track of the rooms is turned into the cross-cuts when the pillars are being drawn. The wooden rails are curved by sawing them partly through one side at frequent intervals on the portion of the rail to be curved. They can then be bent and fastened in position on the ties. A curved strap-iron facing is finally laid and spiked upon the "turn." In 1898 the Consolidation Coal Company alone had 75 miles of track in operation in its various mines.

Ventilation.—At many places through the Georges Creek valley

we can see old brick furnace stacks, which were once used for ventilating the mines. Now they are mainly monuments to the obsolete system of ventilation which has given place to more effective methods. Though wooden stacks are still used at some of the smaller mines, most of the larger mines are now provided with fans or centrifugal ventilators, the largest being 25 feet in diameter and capable of supplying 200,000 cubic feet of air a minute, with a velocity at the inlet of 25 feet per second, 2 feet 5 inches of water gauge, and 75 revolutions per minute. The fans are used in most cases as depressive ventilators, that is, the air is exhausted by them. A partial vacuum is thus created in the mine and fresh air flows in through the intake air-ways. Many of the mines, however, particularly those situated on the borders of the basin, have only natural ventilation. The dip of inclination of the coal bed increases rapidly from the axis toward the edges of the basin, and the difference of level of the upper and lower outcrops of the coal is there great enough to produce a very effective natural draught.

The temperature of the air in the working places of a mine is usually about 60° Fahrenheit, both summer and winter. With natural ventilation when the temperature outside is 60° there is little or no current passing into the mine. In summer, when the temperature of the air outside is higher than that within the mine, the direction of the air current is downward, because the cooler air within the mine being heavier than that outside the former falls and the warmer air from without rushes in from above to take its place, in its turn to be cooled down to the temperature of the mine, and in its turn to flow downward and out of the mine. In winter time the conditions are reversed, the air within the mine, being then warmer, is lighter and rises, the colder air from outside takes its place through the lower openings of the mine, and the current therefore flows upwards. Only at the times when the temperature of the air in the mine and its temperature outside are the same does the ventilation of mines naturally ventilated become impaired. These conditions of equal temperature seldom occur and do not last long enough at a time to ser-

iously inconvenience the working of the mines. Spring and fall and just after sunrise and sunset are the seasons of the year and hours of the day when natural ventilation is the least effective.

In nearly all of the larger mines of the region, whether ventilated by fans or by natural means, the air currents are distributed into the working places where they are needed, and the amount given each heading and series of rooms and pillars is controlled by overcasts, doors, brattices, and regulators. A separate current or "split" of air is given, where it is possible, to each side heading and its block of rooms and pillars. After airing one section of the mine each current is then led back to the fan opening of the mine through the return

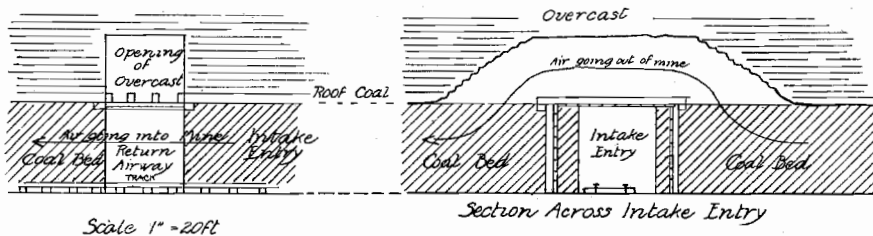


FIG. 31.—Sketch showing Relations of Overcast and Intake Airways.

air-ways. By this arrangement of currents the air containing the gases generated in each set of workings, as well as the air vitiated by men, horses, and powder smoke, is drawn directly out, without passing through other parts of the mine in which men are working.

In the Georges Creek region, owing to the absence of fire-damp, the appliances for controlling the ventilation are usually built of wood. Overcasts are used where an air-way crosses another air-way nearly at right angles. They are made by cutting out the roof of the return air-course and carrying the air-current over the intake air-way. This is accomplished by building an artificial plank roof over the intake and stopping a connection between the two on the sides by wooden brattices or doors. The size of the overcast, the height and the area of its opening, depends upon the extent of workings to

be ventilated through it. Brattices and doors of wood are used to prevent the ingoing air from taking a short cut to the return air-ways. Doors are used instead of brattices where cars or men must pass through them. By means of doors and brattices the air-currents or forces are directed into the interior of the mine. Doors are constructed to close in the direction in which the air-current travels, and are hung with lower hinge driven farther into the post that supports them than the upper one, so that they close automatically. Sometimes cloth, specially made for the purpose, is used for brattices, but brattice cloth is ordinarily used only for temporary purposes.

Regulators are constructed by cutting an opening in a door or brattice and fitting it with a slide, which being more or less opened or closed controls the amount of air that passes through and gives to each heading or section of the mine the amount of air required for it. In some mines canvas curtains are hung in the air-courses to divert the air-currents and act as regulators. Wooden stacks are often resorted to, temporarily, in opening a mine, or are used to ventilate outcrop workings of limited extent.

Gases.—The “Big Vein” is commonly said to contain no fire-damp, and the experience of the mining companies generally bears out this statement. This claim is not strictly true. The amount of fire-damp given off by the “Big Vein,” however, is so small that only once in fourteen years has enough of it accumulated in one of the largest mines of the region to be detected. This accumulation was found in some old workings which had been bratticed off from the rest of the mine, where the air-current could not reach and dislodge it. The amount of fire-damp found on this occasion and under these conditions was just sufficient to light and burn and was not enough to cause an explosion of any consequence. In the smaller coal beds, however, notably in the one lying 225 feet above the “Big Vein” (Waynesburg) at Lonaconing, a considerable amount has been found.

Although the mines in the “Big Vein” are practically free from fire-damp, large quantities of CO_2 , or black-damp, are often met

with in all of the mines of the region, particularly in those which have the most "waste" or worked-out territory, adjoining them. From the surrounding waste, especially at times of a change from a high to a low barometer, the black-damp pours into the mine and causes much inconvenience and sometimes a stoppage of work if the mine is not provided with adequate ventilation to carry off the gas.

Light.—The miners work by the light of a tin lamp carried in their caps. Safety lamps are not used at all in the "Big Vein" of

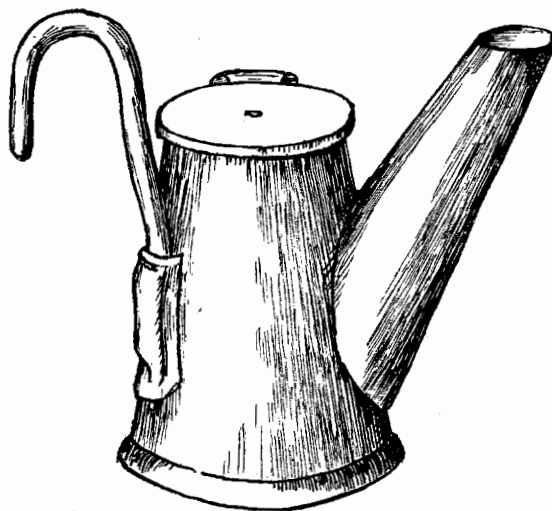


FIG. 32.—Sketch of Miner's Lamp used in Georges Creek Basin.

the Georges Creek region. A number of the mines have electric light plants for lighting the boiler and engine rooms and underground pump rooms, but electricity is not used for lighting the working places of the miners.

Drainage.—As the "Big Vein" throughout the southern section of the region lies above the water-level of Georges Creek, the drainage of the mines from the middle to the southern end of the basin is natural and inexpensive. South of Ocean all of the mines are worked by drifts, their openings being located as near as possible to

the lowest point of the outcrop of the coal bed in each property operated, and the entries driven to the rise of the seam. A group of mines lying in the center of the basin at the middle of the region is drained by a tunnel which empties into Georges Creek at Midland. This drainage tunnel was driven by the Consolidation Coal Company through the strata underlying the "Big Vein," tapping that coal bed in the lowest workings of Ocean mine No. 1. The tunnel drains a large area of the workings of Ocean mines No. 1, No. 7, and No. 8 of the Consolidation Coal Company, as well as parts of mines No. 1 and No. 4 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company. Two Worthington duplex pumps, with capacities of 550 gallons per minute each, one Worthington pump with a capacity of 200 gallons per minute, one Cameron pump with a capacity of 700 gallons per minute, and a Merrill displacement pump with a capacity of 100 gallons per minute, are also required to drain Ocean mine No. 1 of the Consolidation Coal Company. All pumps in the mines of the Consolidation Coal Company are operated by compressed air. The engines compressing the air are on the surface, and the air is conveyed to the pumps in the mine by pipes.

Three miles northeast of the drainage tunnel at Midland the Consolidation Coal Company has a shaft and pumping station for the purpose of draining the Hoffman and Eckhart mines, or Ocean No. 3, and No. 3½. At the foot of this shaft are two large pumps capable of lifting 4000 gallons of water per minute to the surface, and three other smaller pumps for delivering water into the main sump of the mine from which the two larger pumps raise it to the surface. The Hoffman mine has also eight pumps with capacities of 100 gallons per minute each, situated nearer the slope mouth. The mines north of Frostburg are naturally drained.

The Consolidation Coal Company is now driving a drainage tunnel through the strata underlying the "Big Vein" from a point near Clarysville. This tunnel will tap the "Big Vein" at the lowest point of the workings of the Hoffman mine and will drain the water from all of that company's mines in the northern end of the basin

into Braddock Run. The tunnel when completed will relieve the company of the necessity of operating the pumping shaft.

For draining local depressions or swamps which are frequently found in the mines of the region, syphons are sometimes used, especially when only temporarily needed, but ordinarily wherever the mine entrance is higher than any part of the interior of a mine which has no other outlet for water, a pump is used. When a pump is needed to drain a mine a "sump" is made by excavating the strata beneath the coal bed at the lowest part of the mine, so that all the water of the mine drains into it. The sump is usually made large enough to act as a storage place for water in case of the stoppage of the pump. The pump is placed as close to the sump as possible and is operated by compressed air or steam conveyed to it by pipes from a boiler, in most cases located on the surface.

Method of conveying the coal from the mines to the tipples.—The outcrop of the coal at many of the openings of the mines in the southwestern end of the basin is so high above the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad that long and steep gravity planes have been built to deliver the coal from the mouth of the mines to the tipples at the railroad. The outside gravity planes are operated on the same principle as those used and described in the inside workings of the mines. Various patterns of wheels for operating these gravity planes are found in the region, the older styles being of very large diameter and greater power, the newer ones of smaller diameter and consequently more portable and convenient to erect, but the latter have the serious disadvantage of wearing out the ropes sooner. A tramway two miles long connects the openings of the Jackson mines of the American Coal Company with their tipple on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad siding at Lonaconing. The mine cars are hauled from the mines to the tipple over this tramway by two narrow-gauge locomotives. At the Appleton mine of the Maryland Coal Company a small locomotive also hauls the coal nearly half a mile over a tramway from the mine to the tipple on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad.

At mines No. 1 and No. 4 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company near Lonaconing, where a double tail-rope system is used, the loaded cars are run by gravity from the drift-mouths of these "Big Vein" mines to the tipples on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The tail rope is not disconnected from the trip until the train reaches the landing at the tipples. The tail rope is thus brought into a position where it can be conveniently fastened to a train of empty cars and pulls them into either mine. The coal from No. 1 mine, if so desired, can also be taken by the same tail-rope system to the tipples on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad. At the Sewickley seam mines of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company, near Lonaconing, a retarding conveyor is used to deliver the coal from the mines to the tipples and washer. The coal is brought to the head of the conveyor by a four-ton electric motor. Between Lonaconing and Midland, mines No. 3 and 9 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company are connected with their tipples by gravity planes, having steep grades. Northeast of Midland, where the "Big Vein" passes under the bed of Georges Creek, the tipples are almost invariably close to the coal openings.

Signals.—When wire-rope haulage is used signals are employed to notify the engineer in the power house on the surface when to pull and when to stop the trip. For this purpose two parallel wires about six inches apart are attached to insulated supports on the "rib" of the haulage entries. These wires are connected with an electric battery which operates an electric gong in the engine house. The brakeman who accompanies the trip carries a small thin bar of wire with which he makes a connection between the two wires, establishing the circuit by which the bell in the engine house is rung one, two, or three times, according as it is required to stop, or pull the trip out or in. On gravity planes both in the mines and on the surface it is necessary for the man at the foot of the plane, who connects and disconnects the rope, to signal the man at the top, who controls the brakes and "runs the trip," when to let down the cars. At the Sewickley seam mines of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company

near Lonaconing, a retarding conveyor is used to deliver the coal from the mines to the tippie and washer. The coal is brought to the head of the conveyor by a four-ton electric motor. For this purpose a gong operated by electric wires is sometimes used but more frequently a wire pulled by a lever lifts a hammer which falls upon a piece of sheet iron at the other end of the plane. Sometimes a signal arm or board operated by a lever and wire is used.

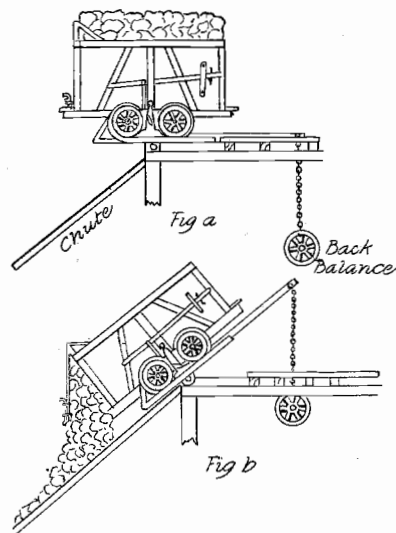


FIG. 33.—Sketch showing form of Tippie commonly employed in Georges Creek Region.

Tipples.—Tipples of various kinds are used for dumping the coal from the loaded mine cars into the railroad cars. Those of the simplest construction being the cheapest and least liable to get out of order are generally preferred. Since the advent of the high 100,000-pounds capacity steel railroad cars, tipples are built so that the mine car tracks on the tippie have an elevation of about 22 feet above the railroad track. Before the high steel cars were used tipples were built considerably lower. The coal first falls into a sheet-iron chute and slides down the chute into the cars. The elaborate tipples found

in the anthracite and bituminous coal fields are rarely seen among the mines of Georges Creek. Tipples are provided with steps for the men employed in weighing and dumping the coal to ascend and descend to their work. As a rule, the scales for weighing the mine cars are located on the tipple structure from 20 to 25 feet in front of the tipple proper, and a small building encloses the weighing beams and affords the man who weighs the coal a place to keep his sheets upon which the record of the weight of loaded mine cars is kept. In some cases the mine cars are weighed at the top of gravity planes, as at mine No. 3 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company, in which case there is no scale or weigh house on the tipple structure.

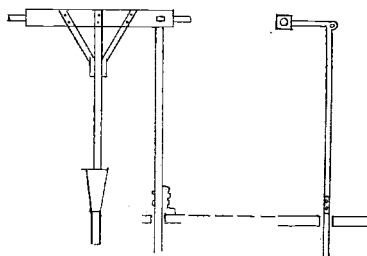


Fig. 34.—Automatic Pin-puller used by Maryland Coal Companies.

Where tipples are at the foot of gravity planes, where it is possible to do so, the tipple structure is built out of line with the plane so that cars breaking away on the plane will jump the track at the foot of the plane and will not wreck the tipple. To prevent runaway cars from injuring the tipple, safety latches or switches are used on most planes, and are operated by wires which are worked by levers from the top or bottom of the planes.

Automatic pin-pulling devices for the purpose of saving labor in dumping the cars are used at most of the tipples through this region. These appliances are of several different patterns and some are quite ingenious. A further saving of labor in dumping the coal is effected by giving the track returning from the tipple a down grade to allow

the emptied cars to run out of the tipple automatically. At some mines, where the conditions require it, more complicated tipples are used, notably at mine No. 1 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company, at Lonaconing. At this mine the level of the coal at the mouth of the mine is not high enough above the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad siding to use a gravity plane advantageously, while it is too high for an ordinary chute tipple. To avoid breakage

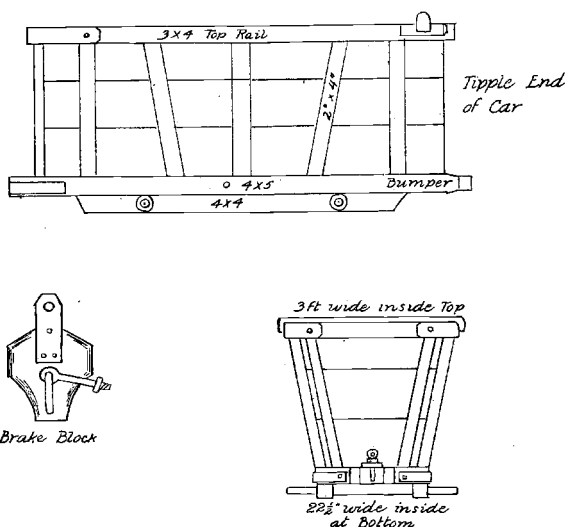


FIG. 35.—Sketch of Body of Mine Cars used by Consolidation Coal Company.

of coal a Mitchell cross-over tipple with a basket attachment is used. At this tipple the coal is first dumped into the basket, then the basket containing the coal is lowered and emptied into the railroad cars on the siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. Usually the chute stands sideways to the railroad siding. At the Jackson mines of the American Coal Company a Mitchell tipple is in operation and the coal is dumped endwise into the railroad cars. Railroad sidings are constructed with light grades passing the tipples, so that the empty and loaded cars will run easily and at the same time

be controlled while running towards and away from the tipple. From $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 per cent grades are given the sidings. The railroad cars are controlled by their brakes and by blocks of wood with wooden handles which the car runner wedges between the rail and the wheel. At a weigh office, sometimes called a manifest office, a short distance below the tipple, each railroad car is weighed after it is loaded.

Mine cars.—Mine cars are made to hold from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal. They are framed of oak, the bottoms are usually made of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch oak plank and the sides of 1-inch oak boards.

The cars are generally constructed so that they are wider at the top than at the bottom, the sides having a flare or batter, so that the top of the car projects as far as the outside of the wheels. The above cut represents the car commonly seen in the region.

Each car is provided with an end gate which is hinged at the top and is kept closed by an iron pin fitting into a hole in the iron draw-bar of the car. This pin must be pulled before the car is dumped. The car is so placed to be loaded in the rooms that the ends opposite the end gate is nearest to the "face" of the coal, by so placing the car the end with the gate always comes out of the mine facing the tipple. Each car is also furnished with a brake to control it on grades. The brake commonly used is the old-fashioned single one, consisting of a 3 by 12-inch block between the wheels operated by a lever at the side of the car. This brake has not sufficient power to control the cars on heavy grades and formerly the brakemen had to insert a piece of wood, called a "sprag," between the spokes of the wheels. The sprag caught against the bottom of the car as the wheel revolved and stopped it. The loss of many fingers and thumbs resulted from the use of sprags. Now the double brake designed first by John T. Pierce in 1868, and since much improved upon, is used where grades are heavy. An iron bar passes under the car and operates, as shown in the cut, a pair of wooden blocks between the wheels on each side of the car. The brake lever or handle is generally placed on the left hand facing the end gate of the car, so that the driver can handle the brake with his right hand. Wooden han-

dles are preferred by most operators, as they have more elasticity than iron.

The wheels revolve on their axles instead of with their axles, as the wheels of railroad cars do. Mines having steep gravity planes have a front board built above the gate ends to keep the coal in place when the cars are run down the planes.

IRREGULARITIES OF THE "BIG VEIN."

The thickness of the "Big Vein," as well as that of the smaller seams of coal is variable. In the same mine the coal bed is frequently found both considerably thicker and thinner than its normal size. It is a general rule that whenever the seam has an unusual thickness or thinness that there is an area nearby of thinner or thicker coal respectively, and the average height of the thickest and thinnest part of the seam is nearly the normal size of the coal bed.

Some inconvenience in mining is caused by the sudden changes in the pitch of the seam which sometimes upset prearranged plans for haulage and drainage.

Such a change of pitch occurs in mine No. 3 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company near Lonaconing. In the trough of the basin rolls of the coal bed causing uneven grades are also found.

In the works of the Eckhart mine, or Ocean No. 3½, is a small knoll which dips in all directions.

The area of the Georges Creek Coal basin is parallel to the general trend of the strata of the Appalachian region, and has a course of about N. 35° E. The axis also generally inclines gently towards the northeast. The effect of the inclination of the axis is to produce a slightly different line of strike or water-level line of the coal beds on either side of the basin. These lines of strike generally diverge slightly from each other towards the northeast but are not uniform over any large extent of territory, and the differences are usually too slight to be noticeable. The northern inclination of the axis of the basin produces a fall of forty feet from the lowest point of the "Big Vein" at Midland to its lowest point near the foot of the Consolida-

tion Coal Company's pumping shaft, a distance of three miles. Between these two points, however, there is an anticlinal ridge which crosses the axis of the basin and prevents the pumping shaft from draining the workings of Ocean No. 1. Faults, clay veins, and "horse-backs" are rarely found in the "Big Vein" mines of the Georges Creek region.

Cleavage planes.—The planes of cleavage of the bituminous coal beds known as the "butts" and "faces" are either not found at all or only imperfectly developed in the "Big Vein" of Georges Creek. The Upper Sewickley coal bed lying about 110 feet above the "Big Vein" in the central part of the region, however, has this cleavage well developed, and owing to its resemblance in that respect to the bituminous coals it received the name of the "Gas Coal Vein" in the early years of coal mining in the Georges Creek valley. This cleavage, which produces the cubical fracture of the gas coals, however, is the only point of resemblance that the Upper Sewickley coal bed bears to the bituminous gas-coal seams. Some portions of some of the coal beds have the cleavage while in other benches of the same seams it does not appear. The lower bench of the "Dirty Nine-foot Vein," or Franklin seam, in the Union Mining Company's mine near Barton, has no noticeable cubical fracture, in that respect resembling the "Big Vein." Near the top of the seam, however, a thin layer of coal is found, which has the cubical fracture well developed, thus strongly resembling the coal of the Upper Sewickley or Tyson seam.

SMALL VEINS.

Only within the last three or four years has the development of the smaller coal seams of the region received much attention, for only within the last few years have the conditions of labor and the state of the coal market allowed the operator to mine them at a profit. Probably no greater drawback to their earlier development has existed than the inability of the operator to find men to work them at a price per ton that would offset the freight differential that the railroad com-

panies have arbitrarily placed upon them for shipment to the seaboard. The coal of some of the smaller seams is usually of excellent quality and if properly operated is but slightly if at all inferior to the coal of the "Big Vein." All through the region from one end to the other the small seams are now being worked. The Consolidation Coal Company now has three mines in the Tyson or Upper Sewickley seam from which fuel is supplied to the engines of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad or to the boilers of their "Big Vein" plants. The Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company has just completed a washing plant to wash the slack from its small vein mines by which a smithing coal of excellent quality is obtained, while the Union, American, New Central, and Cumberland Basin mines, operated at the southern end of the basin, are mining them extensively.

The coal beds other than the "Big Vein" worked are the "Six-foot" or Lower Kittanning, the Upper Freeport, the "Four-foot" or Bakerstown, the Franklin or "Dirty Nine-foot," and the Tyson, corresponding to the Upper Sewickley coal bed of Pennsylvania. Besides these the Brookville or Bluebaugh and Clarion or Parker seams lying below the "Six-foot" vein are mined at Barrellville, while the Waynesburg, 100 feet above the Tyson, is operated by the American Coal Company just south of Lonaconing. As far as the experience of operators in the region has gone, the "Six-foot" and Tyson seams are found to be subject to more or less irregularity of thickness and some "horse-backs." The Tyson coal bed is a split seam, the two benches of which are separated in the middle of the region, by about 18 feet of rock, mainly limestone.

Miners are paid by the ton of 2240 pounds. The present rates of the region are 60 cents for digging and loading the coal in rooms and 70 cents for heading drivers. All other labor connected with the mining of the coal is paid by the day. Miners are paid twice a month. The operators have no company stores in the State of Maryland and the men buy provisions where they please. Many of the larger companies own houses which they rent to their employees.

The miner's picks are usually sharpened and his tools kept in order by the blacksmith employed by the operator. One cent a ton is usually deducted from their earnings to cover this expense. The companies usually have an arrangement with their men by which one dollar a month is deducted from the wages of each miner to pay for medical attendance.

COAL OPERATIONS.

The following operators are engaged in mining the coals of Maryland for the general market:

- Consolidation Coal Company.
- Union Mining Company.
- Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.
- Maryland Coal Company.
- American Coal Company.
- New Central Coal Company.
- Cumberland Basin Coal Company.
- Georges Creek and Bald Knob Coal Company.
- Braddock Coal Company.
- Frostburg Coal Mining Company.
- Chapman Coal Mining Company.
- Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company.
- Midland Mining Company.
- Phoenix and Georges Creek Mining Company.
- Piedmont-Cumberland Coal Company.
- Moscow-Georges Creek Mining Company.
- Cumberland-Georges Creek Coal Company.
- Piedmont Mining Company.
- Lonaconing Coal Company.
- Coromandel Coal Company.
- G. C. Pattison.
- Monroe Coal Mining Company.
- Upper Potomac Mining Company.

Datesman Coal Company.
Stoyer Run Coal Company.
Blaine Mining Company.
Garrett County Coal and Mining Company.
Davis Coal and Coke Company.

THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY.

The Consolidation Coal Company operates the following mines in the Georges Creek region: Ocean No. 1 at Ocean, Ocean No. 2 at Frostburg, Ocean No. 3 at Hoffman, Ocean No. 3½ at Eckhart, Ocean No. 7 at Lord, Ocean No. 8 at Midland, Frost mine just north of Frostburg, two mines in the Upper Sewickley seam near Frostburg, and a mine in the Upper Sewickley at Lord or Ocean No. 7. These mines extend from the northern end of the town of Frostburg to Midland, and occupy the greater part of the northern half of the Georges Creek coal basin.

Ocean No. 1.—The plant and opening of Ocean mine No. 1 of the Consolidation Coal Company at Ocean Station on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, lie a mile to the east of the center of the coal basin. The mine is entered by a slope and the coal from a large area of "Big Vein" lying in the center of the basin is brought to the surface through this opening. The average thickness of coal of this mine is about nine feet. The workings extend to the northeast nearly to the workings of the old Borden shaft. They join Ocean No. 7 to the west, the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company's mines No. 1 and No. 4 on the south, and Ocean No. 8 on the southeast and east.

About 600 men were employed and 35 mules used in the underground operations of this mine in 1902, the maximum daily output of the mine for that year being about 2000 tons. The loaded mine cars in "trips" of 27 cars are hauled up a single-track incline to the surface and landed close to the tipple by an 18 x 36-inch double cylinder geared engine which operates two drums 3 x 8 feet. One

of these drums winds a haulage rope $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter which pulls the "trip" up the incline. A full day's work at Ocean No. 1 consists of 31 "trips" of 27 cars each. The other drum winds a tail-rope $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter which is attached to the end of the "trip" (or train) of cars nearest the mine. The grade of the inclined plane at the mouth of the mine is 12 feet in 100 feet and is steep enough close to the entrance of the mine for the empty "trip" going in to

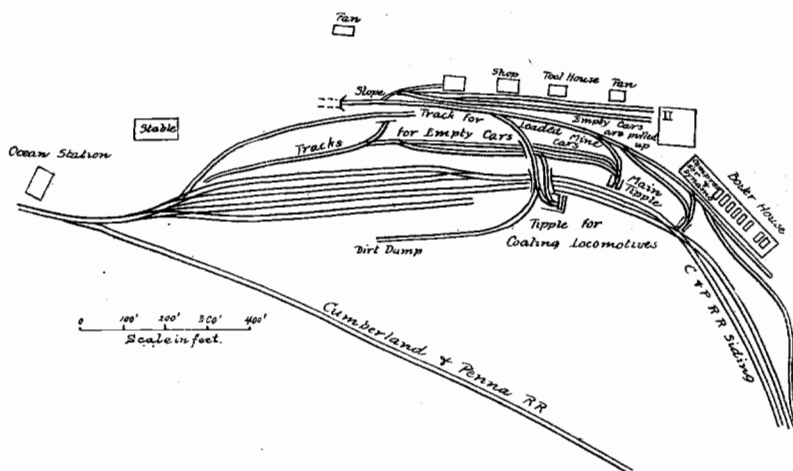


FIG. 36.—Sketch of Track Arrangement at Ocean No. 1, Consolidation Coal Company.

pull the haulage rope with it. As the inclined plane approaches the center of the coal basin the grades become less and finally are not sufficient for the mine cars to run by gravity so that a tail-rope is required to return the empty cars to the point in the main heading whence they are taken by a compressed-air locomotive weighing 30,000 pounds and distributed to the side entries. This locomotive is supplied with compressed air by a duplex three-stage Corliss compressor situated on the surface. The compressed air at a pressure

of 850 pounds per square inch is forced into the mine through pipes and the locomotive is charged from this pipe-line. One Ingersoll-Sergeant, one Sullivan, and two Harrison coal-mining machines were working in this mine in 1901, the power used to operate them being compressed air, which is supplied through pipes at a pressure of about 100 pounds to the square inch by a duplex Corliss air compressor 16 x 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 36 inches stationed in the main power house on the surface. This air compressor also furnishes power to work two duplex Worthing pumps (12 x 14 x 10 inches), one Cameron pump 12 x 7 x 13 inches, and one duplex Jeanville pump 14 x 14 x 36 inches, all located within the mine. The plant includes a reserve straight line compressor 12 x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 36 inches for emergencies.

The ventilation of this mine as well as that of Ocean No. 8 is accomplished by two direct-connected Guibal fans with spiral casings. The larger of these fans has a diameter of 25 feet, the smaller 15 feet. A battery of eight return-tubular boilers (five of which are 60 inches in diameter and 16 feet long) supplies steam at a pressure of 100 pounds to the square inch to the tail-rope engine, the air compressor which charges the mine locomotive, the air compressor which supplies air to the pumps and mining machinery, and the two fans.

The coal is worked in this mine, as in nearly all of the mines of the Consolidation Coal Company, by the room and pillar system. A pillar of coal 50 feet thick is usually left between the parallel entries and the rooms are driven 12 to 14 feet wide, the point lines of the rooms being usually 55 feet apart so that a pillar of coal about 40 feet thick supports the rooms until the pillars are drawn. The length of rooms or the distance between each set of parallel side entries is usually about 500 feet. The mine cars used at Ocean No. 1 as well as Ocean No. 7 have a capacity of 5400 pounds of coal and weigh 1600 pounds when empty. The gauge of mine car track is 3 feet. The mine is mainly drained by the water tunnel which empties into Georges Creek three-fourths of a mile below the mouth of Ocean No. 1 and close to the entrance to the drift of Ocean No. 8.

Ocean No. 2 of the Consolidation Coal Company is a drift on the western outcrops of the "Big Vein" and on the western edge of the town of Frostburg. The mine has no railroad connections and the coal is loaded into wagons for use as local domestic coal.

The capacity of the mine is 60 tons as a maximum. Ten men are employed, and three mules do the haulage of the mine. The coal is mined by pick-work exclusively. The ventilation is natural and the mine is drained by the other workings of the Consolidation Company that lie below it in the center of the basin. The gauge of mine car tracks is 3 feet and the cars weigh 1200 pounds empty and are loaded to contain a ton of coal.

Ocean No. 3, known also as the Hoffman mine of the Consolidation Coal Company, has its tippie on the end of the Eckhart branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, a mile south of the Eckhart mine and like the latter is a slope on the eastern outcrop of the "Big Vein." Four hundred and sixty men and 23 mules were used in the operation of this mine in 1901 and the maximum daily output was 1500 tons of coal. A duplex stationary engine geared to a drum 6 feet in diameter winds a wire rope, which pulls the loaded mine cars up the slope and lands them on the surface. The empty cars return into the mine by gravity, pulling the rope in with them to the foot of the slope. Two compressed-air motors weighing 30,000 pounds each, bring the loaded cars to the foot of the slope and distribute the empties into the headings. Eleven compressed-air motors weighing 1000 pounds gather the cars in the rooms. The motors are supplied with air from the high-pressure compressor located at the Pumping Shaft. Eight pumps with an average capacity of 100 gallons per minute drain the mine and a direct-connected Guibal fan 20 feet in diameter constructed for either compressed or exhaustive ventilation furnishes it with air. Four return-tubular boilers 16 feet long and 60 inches in diameter supply steam to the fan pumps and stationary engine.

The usual pillar and room system is employed in this mine for

working the coal. Rooms are driven 12 to 14 feet wide. In the newer working of the mine the centers of the rooms are usually 100 feet apart, and 300 to 400 feet is left between each pair of parallel headings. In the older workings the rooms were driven with 35 feet between centers and the intervals between headings were greater. The coal is 9 feet thick and is mined exclusively by pick-work. The mine cars are loaded to contain 5400 pounds of coal and weigh 1600 pounds when empty. The gauge of tracks is 3 feet. The tippie consists of a balance cradle, the framework supporting it being of wood. A short tramway connects the mouth of the slope with the tippie.

Ocean No. 3½.—At Eckhart, 1½ miles east of Frostburg, the Consolidation Coal Company operate their Ocean mine No. 3½, a slope on the eastern outcrop of the "Big Vein." Ninety men are employed, three mules are used, and the daily output of the mine is 250 tons. A 14 x 30-inch double cylinder geared engine with a drum 6 feet in diameter and 3 feet wide pulls the loaded mine cars up an incline to the surface and drops the empty cars back into the mine. A tram road connects the opening of the mine with the tippie on the Eckhart branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The mine is supplied with air by a Guibal fan 16 feet in diameter with belt connection, constructed for either exhaustive or compressive ventilation. The haulage engine and fan are supplied with steam by two return-tubular boilers 15 feet long and 54 inches in diameter. No coal-mining machinery is used. The mine is drained by the pumps at the Pumping Shaft two miles southwest of the opening of the shaft. The workings of the Eckhart and the Hoffman mines join and frequently rooms are driven and the coal brought to the surface up the Hoffman slope while the coal from the pillars between the same rooms is shipped from the Eckhart tippie.

Ocean No. 7.—Ocean mine No. 7 of the Consolidation Coal Company is situated at the head of Woodland Run on a branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad about halfway between Frostburg and Lonaconing and a mile west of the center of the

Georges Creek coal basin. The coal operated is the "Big Vein," which in this mine is about 9 feet thick. In 1902 about 750 men were employed at this mine and 37 mules were used in the inside work. Three thousand eight hundred and eighty long tons of coal have been loaded at this mine in one day, over one tippie. The coal is mined from each side of the narrow valley or ravine in which the tippie and tracks are located. On the northwest side of the valley the coal is mined to the rise, a steam locomotive weighing 14,000

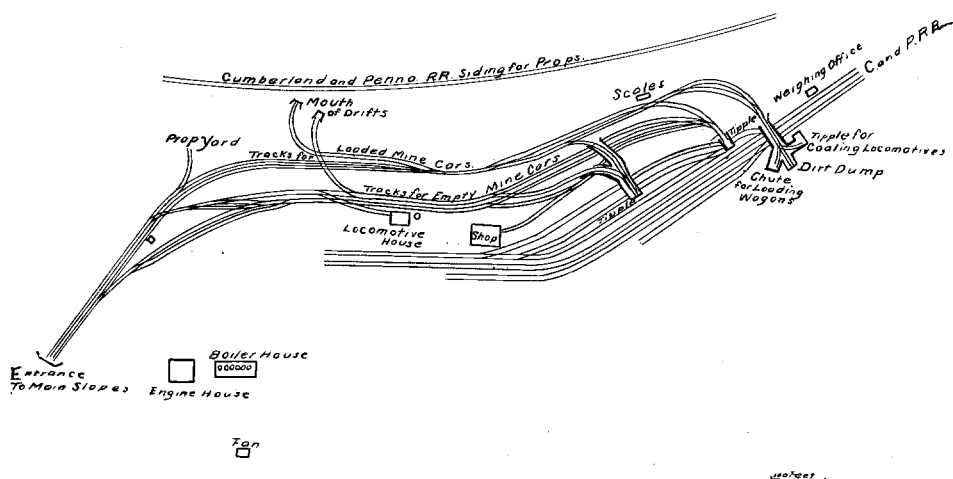


FIG. 37.—Sketch showing Track Arrangement, Ocean No. 7, Consolidation Coal Company.

pounds pushing the empty cars 1400 feet into the mine through one entry and the loaded coal cars running out to the tippie through another entry by gravity. The "Big Vein" coal that lies between these openings and the outcrop of the western edge of the coal basin is brought to the surface through these drifts. The main opening of this plant, however, is on the southwest side of the ravine and through it a large area of coal that lies to the dip is brought to the tipples. This main opening is made secure by a substantial brick arch of sufficient diameter for two mine car tracks to enter. A short dis-

tance inside of the mine the two tracks diverge, one passing under the other, descending in two directions to the south and southeast toward the workings of Ocean No. 1 and the center of the coal basin. The loaded cars are pulled in "trips" of 28 or 30 cars up the least steep of these slopes or inside incline planes and landed just outside of the mouth of the mine, by an engine located on the surface operating a double drum and winding a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pulling rope. From the mouth of the mine the loaded cars run by gravity to the tipples. From the tipples the empty mine cars return towards the mine by gravity as far as they will run and then are taken in "trips" of 28 to 30 cars by a locomotive weighing 30,000 pounds up the grade to the mouth of the mine where a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tail-rope is attached and the "trip" of cars is pulled into the mine and the cars hauled to the various headings, whence they are taken by the drivers with mules and distributed to the rooms. The loaded mine cars are brought up the steeper of the two inside slopes in "trips" of 17 or 18 cars and landed on the surface by another stationary engine operating a drum and winding a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rope. These loads are then hauled by the locomotive to a point where they will run by gravity to the tipples. From the tipples they are returned to the mines in the same manner as the cars from the other slope. The grade of the steeper inside slope is sufficiently heavy for the empty cars going down the slope to take the pulling rope in with them and a tail-rope is therefore unnecessary.

For ventilating the workings of Ocean No. 7 two direct-connected fans of the Guibal pattern with spiral casings are used, one having a diameter of 12 feet and the other 25 feet. They are constructed so that they can be used for either exhaustive or compressive ventilation. Steam is supplied to the stationary engines and fans by six return-tubular boilers, three of which are 50 inches in diameter and 14 feet long and three are 60 inches in diameter and 16 feet long. The mine is mainly self-draining through the water-level drainage tunnel that runs through the center of the coal basin and empties into Georges Creek below the mouth of Ocean No. 8 at Midland.

One pump only is used, having a capacity of 150 gallons of water per minute.

The coal from Ocean No. 7 is dumped into the railroad cars on the branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad over two

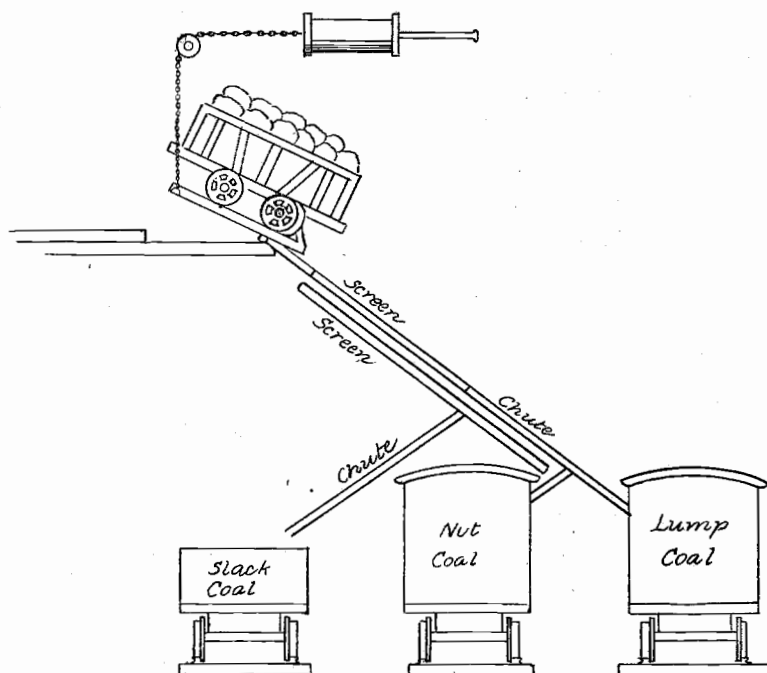


FIG. 38.—Sketch showing Main Tipple, Ocean No. 7, Consolidation Coal Company.

tipples, in addition to which the plant has a tipple for supplying locomotives with fuel as well as a tipple and chute for loading wagons with coal for local domestic use. The main tipple is constructed to screen the coal and load the lump and nut coal into two box cars at once, and the slack at the same time into a gondola or flat railroad car standing on a third track under the tipple.

The chute of this tippie is also furnished with folding steel iron flaps or doors which shut down and cover the screen when run of mine coal is to be loaded. When the screens are covered run of mine coal can be loaded into cars on either of the outside railroad tracks shown in the sketch but not onto cars on the middle track. The loaded mine cars are dumped at this tippie by means of a piston rod working in a cylinder operated by compressed air. To the end of the piston rod two chains are attached which pass over two pulleys or small sheaves and are fastened to each side of the hind end of the tippie. By this appliance the cars are raised and dumped onto the screen.

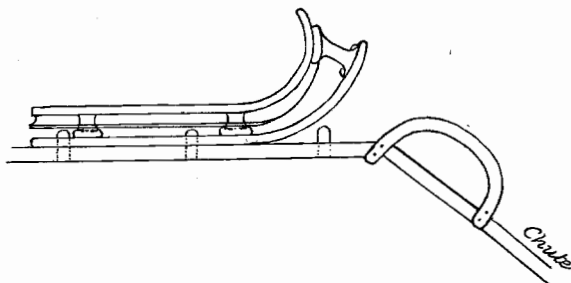


FIG. 39.—Sketch showing Rocker for Dumping Coal used by Consolidation Coal Company.

The three other tipples of this plant are of the rocker pattern, designed by Mr. B. S. Randolph, which is very simple in construction and effective in its action. The T-rails are bolted to two flat strap iron "rockers." As the car is run onto the tippie and strikes the horns, its momentum tips the rockers towards the chutes. The end gate of the mine car being latched by a lever projecting beyond the side of the car, the lever strikes an iron loop bolted to the side of the tippie. The end gate is unlatched and opens, allowing the coal to fall into the chute. The rocker is kept in place by iron pins in the frame, work underneath the rockers which fit into slots or notches in the rocker. The chute over which the run of mine coal is mainly loaded

is sprinkled with water from a pipe above to induce the coal to slide in it more freely.

The coal in Ocean No. 7 is mined both by pick and by coal-mining machines. Six machines were in use in this mine during the past year; all of them being the "puncher" type, one Harrison and five Ingersoll-Sergeant mining machines. Mine cars are of the pattern

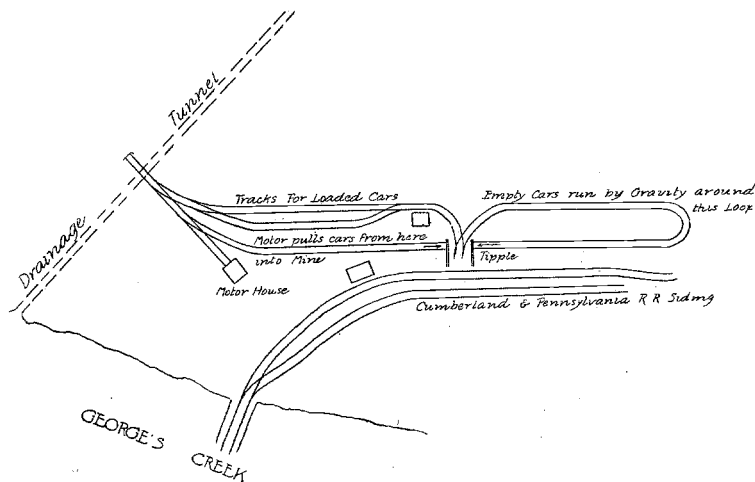


FIG. 40.—Sketch of Track Arrangement, Ocean No. 8, Consolidation Coal Company.

common to the Consolidation Coal Company, and the gauge of the mine tracks, as of all the plants of this company, is three feet. The rooms are usually driven in Ocean No. 7 with centers 65 feet apart.

Ocean No. 8 of the Consolidation Coal Company has its tipple on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad on the west side of Georges Creek close to Midland station, the workings of this mine adjoining those of Ocean No. 1 and No. 4 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company. The mouth of this mine is about three-fourths of a mile east of the middle of the coal basin and the main

heading, driven southwest nearly on the strike of the coal, takes out the coal that lies to the rise toward the east between it and the outcrop line formed by the erosion of the waters of Georges Creek. An area of coal adjoining this mine also on the east was formerly operated at this point by the Big Vein Coal Company. The present mine was opened and operated by the Consolidation Coal Company in May, 1902; in December of that year the daily capacity was 250 tons of coal. Fifty-three miners and twelve outside employees were engaged in mining and shipping this coal. A four-ton compressed-air motor is used to bring the coal from the interior of the mine to the tipple and the same motor is used to return the empty cars into the mine. The motor is supplied with air from the high-pressure compressor or locomotive charger stationed at the plant of Ocean No. 1. The mine is also ventilated by the fans of Ocean No. 1 and most of the water generated in the mine flows out through the workings of Ocean No. 1 into the main drainage tunnel which has its outlet to Georges Creek almost immediately underneath the entrance to the mine. The drainage tunnel was driven from Georges Creek at Midland about 700 feet through rock to tap and drain the "Big Vein" at the bottom of the coal basin. From the point where the drainage tunnel taps the "Big Vein" a water-level heading was driven through the basin and this heading now drains the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company's mine No. 1 as well as Ocean Nos. 7 and 8 and the upper workings of Ocean No. 1.

Frost mine.—On the west side of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad at the head of the valley formed by Jennings Run and directly opposite Union mine No. 1 of the Union Mining Company, is the Frost mine of the Consolidation Coal Company. The tipple of this mine is within a few hundred feet of the lower end of the Y or switchback of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and is located where the engines stop so that they can take on coal before switching into or from the Y. The tipple is chiefly constructed for the purpose of coaling engines. About 1000 feet of tram road con-

nect the mine with the tipple and horses or mules are used for haulage. Before coming upon the tipple the mine cars enter a long shed covered with corrugated iron and built upon trestle work. The cars are run into this shed and held in readiness for coaling locomotives. The coal mined is the "Big Vein" and is about 9 feet thick and the workings of the mine are in the direction of and partly under the town of Frostburg. Twenty men and three mules are employed and the daily capacity of the mine is 75 tons. The ventilation is natural and the mine is self-draining. The mine cars are of the style and capacity common to the Consolidation Coal Company.

Upper Sewickley mines.—At the upper end of the Y of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad a mile and a half northeast of Frostburg, the Consolidation Coal Company has opened a mine in the Upper Sewickley or Tyson coal seam for the purpose of coaling the locomotives of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. Just south of Frostburg the company has an opening in the same seam to supply fuel to the town, and at Lord the boilers of the plant of Ocean No. 7 are fired by coal mined from an opening in the Upper Sewickley coal seam. The coal mined from these mines in the Upper Sewickley seam has proved very satisfactory for the purposes for which it is used but the company has not as yet put it on the market.

Pumping station.—In addition to the numerous mines it operates the Consolidation Coal Company maintains a pumping station for the purposes of draining portions of the company's mines which lie in the bottom of the basin. The pumping shaft is located at very nearly the axis of the basin, a mile and a half west of the mouth of Ocean mine No. 3 (Hoffman), the lower workings of which it drains. The shaft is sunk to the "Big Vein" and is about 250 feet deep. It has no railroad connections for shipping coal, although it is but a few hundred yards from the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. Only enough coal is mined and housed at the shaft to supply the boilers which operate the pumps and compressors located at this plant.

The coal from the shaft is shovelled from the mine cars into the

fire-boxes of the 6-ton return-tubular boilers 16 feet long and 60 inches in diameter with which this plant is equipped. About forty men are employed and two mules are used for haulage purposes. The equipment consists of a geared hoisting engine. One three-stage compound Norwalk air compressor, having a capacity of 500 cubic feet of air per minute, two straight-line compressors with capacities of 300 cubic feet per minute each and one duplex Corliss air compressor with a capacity of 1400 cubic feet per minute. The pumps installed at this plant are one duplex compound condensing pump with a capacity of 2500 gallons per minute, two duplex pumps with capacities of 1100 gallons per minute each, and one Cameron pump, the capacity of which is 300 gallons per minute.

UNION MINING COMPANY AND COMPANIES ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

The Union Mining Company, the New York Mining Company, the Barton and Georges Creek Valley Coal Company, and the Potomac Coal Company, for all of which the Black, Sheridan, and Wilson Company are the selling agents, operate the Union Mine No. 1, just north of Frostburg; Union Mine No. 2, a mile north of Frostburg; Carlos Mine No. 1, near Carlos; Carlos Mine No. 2, near Carlos; and the Potomac mine near Barton.

Union No. 1.—The plant of Union mine No. 1, operated by the Union Mining Company under lease from the Consolidation Coal Company, is situated on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad at the head of the valley of Jennings Run and on the northern limits of the town of Frostburg and not far from the northern end of the Georges Creek coal basin. The coal worked is the "Big Vein," which in this part of the region is ordinarily between 8 and 9 feet thick. In 1902 275 men were employed and 27 horses used for hauling, and the maximum daily output of the mine was 1150 tons of coal. The entrance to this mine is a drift a mile long through the old New Hope mine. A gravity plane 1200 feet long with 1½-inch rope is in operation in the mine, and tandem teams of

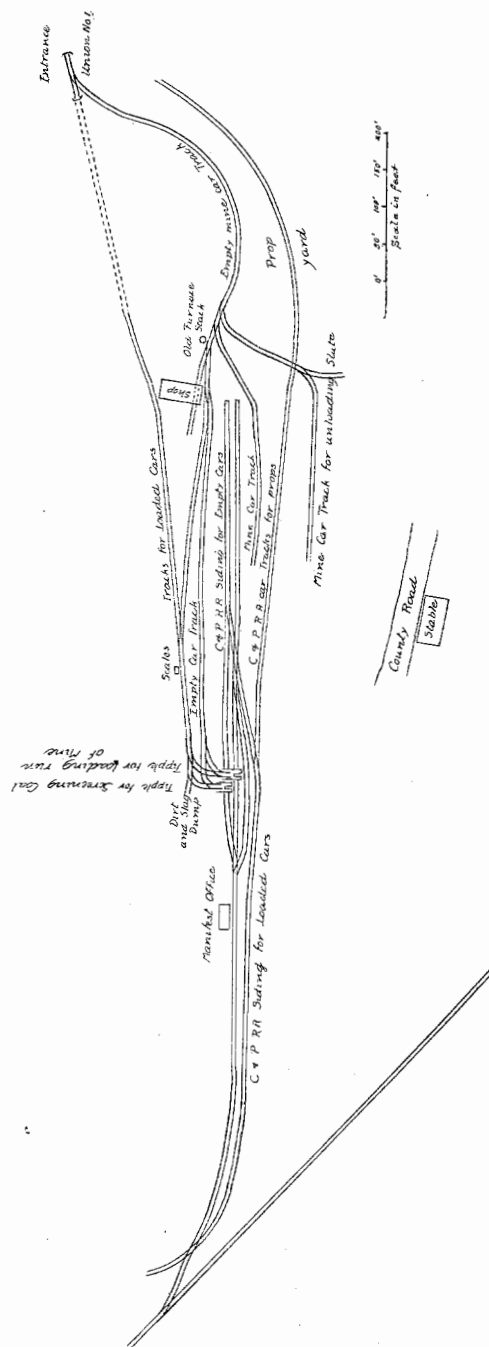


FIG. 41.—Sketch showing Track Arrangement, Union No. 1, Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.

horses transfer the mine cars from the plane a mile inside of the mine mouth to the tipples and return the empty cars to the plane. Two tipples, side by side, load the coal into the railroad cars. One of these tipples dumps the coal onto a plain chute for shipping run of mine coal, the other passes the coal over a screen and separates the stock from the lump, loading the two grades of coal into separate railroad cars. Both tipples are of the ordinary T-rail pattern with back-balance weight attached, and at the tipple loading run-of-mine a Townsend pin-puller is used. The mine is self-draining and is ventilated by a fan 16 feet in diameter having a capacity of 18,000 cubic feet per minute and supplied by a 35-horsepower return-tubular boiler. The gauge of mine car tracks is 4 feet which is the greatest width of track used in the region. The mine cars weigh 2040 pounds empty and contain $3\frac{1}{2}$ gross tons of coal when loaded. The coal is mined exclusively by pick-work.

Union No. 2.—On the east side of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and the valley of Jennings Run, two miles northeast of Frostburg, the New York Mining Company operate their Union mine No. 2. In 1902 this mine was capable of producing 1400 tons of coal daily and employed over 400 men. The coal mined is the "Big Vein," about 8 feet thick with a slate band between the two benches, and is mined exclusively by pick-work. The mine has a double drift opening. Thirty-five horses are used for underground haulage and the coal is brought to the surface by tandem teams. The tipple, a Mitchell dump, on a siding or back switch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad is close to the mouth of the mine. The drainage is natural. The mine is ventilated by two fans of 12 and 16 feet diameter, one supplying exhaustive and the other compressive ventilation. The gauge of mine track is 4 feet. The mine cars weigh 2040 pounds and are built to contain $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal.

Carlos Nos. 1 and 2.—At the end of the Carlos branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad a mile and a half west of the axis of the coal basin the Barton and Georges Creek Valley Coal Company operates Carlos mines Nos. 1 and 2, the entrance to which is

a slope in the "Big Vein" near the western edge of its outcrop. In 1902 the mines had a maximum daily output of 1100 tons of coal and 350 men were employed in operating them. The coal is brought to the surface up a slope 2400 feet long by a double 14 x 18-inch haulage engine winding a wire rope an inch in diameter on a drum (54 x 48 inches). A gravity plane 1200 feet long connects the mine with the tippie. For underground haulage two gravity planes 800 and 500 feet long respectively and 27 horses are required. No pumps are needed as the mines are naturally drained and no mining machinery is used. The ventilation is accomplished by two fans, which force air into the workings. The diameters of the fans are 16 and 10 feet respectively and their combined capacity is 3000 cubic feet of air per minute. The hoisting engine and fans are supplied with steam by three boilers, two of which are of a locomotive type and have a rated capacity of 50 horsepower each, and the third is upright and of 20 horsepower rated capacity. The gauge of mine car tracks is 4 feet and the mine cars weigh 2040 pounds when empty and hold $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal.

Potomac mines.—In 1903 the Potomac Coal Company opened a drift mine in the Franklin or "Dirty Nine-foot" vein on the south side of the valley of Moores Run, three-fourths of a mile east of Barton. The mine is developed to produce nearly 100 tons of coal per day and gives employment to about 25 men. Three mules are used. A short, steep gravity plane of three rails connects the entrance of the mine with its tippie on the Union Mining Company's (48-inch gauge) railroad. Over this tippie the small mine cars, holding about a ton of coal when topped, are dumped into larger cars containing about three tons of coal. The latter are run by a small locomotive to the tippie of the Union Mining Company's old Potomac and Barton "Big Vein" mines, on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, one-quarter mile below Barton. The tippie is an old-fashioned rolling saddle that empties the tramway cars sidewise into the railroad cars by rolling the former over on their sides. In this mine the bottom bench of the "Dirty Nine-foot" seam is worked.

The bench varies from 22 to 36 inches in thickness. The mine is opened by a double-entry system. The rooms are intended to be 14 feet wide. In entries holes for shooting down the top are drilled in a thin layer of coal and the roof is blown down to give sufficient head room for men and mules.

Until the present year the Potomac Coal Company operated a mine in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" vein on the south side of Moores Run just west of the mine just described. This mine in 1902 employed 75 men, worked 7 mules, and had a maximum output of 300 tons of coal daily. At present this mine is idle. A fan 20 feet in diameter, used compressively, ventilated the works and an 80-horsepower horizontal tubular boiler supplied the power to drive the fan. Small mine cars (1500 pounds capacity) were dumped over the tippie of the mine into the tram-road cars and transferred by the locomotive to the Potomac tippie. The mine lies just above the water-level of Moores Run and is naturally drained. The room and pillar system of mining is used. The rooms are 15 to 20 feet wide with a pillar of equal thickness between them.

THE GEORGES CREEK COAL AND IRON COMPANY.

The Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company now operate four drift mines in the Pittsburg seam or "Big Vein" and have lately opened two mines in the Upper Sewickley or Tyson seam. The "Big Vein" mines operated are Mines No. 1 and 4, a mile north of Lonaconing; Mine No. 3 or Pine Hill, one and a half miles northeast of Lonaconing; Mine No. 12, two miles northeast of Lonaconing; Mines No. 9 and 10 or Columbia, two and a half miles above Lonaconing. The Upper Sewickley mines are No. 16 and No. 17.

"Big Vein" Mines No. 1 and No. 4 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company lie on the west side of the Georges Creek valley three-fourths of a mile north of the corporate limits of the town of Lonaconing. The entrances to the two mines are close together. No. 1 mine has connections with and tipples on both the Cumberland and

Pennsylvania and the west branch of the Georges Creek and Cumberland railroad. The coal from No. 4 mine is loaded only into railroad cars upon the tracks of the former road. In 1902 the daily capacity of mines No. 1 and No. 4 was 850 tons, and 170 men and 8 horses were employed. The coal is brought from the interior of the mines to the surface by a double tail-rope system operated by a stationary engine on the surface having four drums 6 feet in diameter and 3 feet wide and winding a $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch hemp-center steel-wire rope. The engine is supplied by a 150-horsepower return-tubular boiler. At the mouth of the mines the tail-rope is disconnected and the loaded cars run themselves by gravity down an eight per cent grade to a landing near the tippie on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, whence they are run by hand into the tippie. The empty cars, after being dumped, run from the tippie by gravity back towards the mines. The track on which they return is long enough to hold 30 empty cars at a time. This track is constructed with a sufficient grade so that the front car of each "trip" of 30 empty cars to be pulled into the mine will run to the place where the main pulling rope disconnected from the "trip" of loaded cars can be attached to it.

When mine cars from mine No. 1 are to be run to the tippie on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad the tail-rope is disconnected from the front end of the "trip" of loaded cars when it reaches the mouth of the mine and in place of it one end of a "cut-off" rope or long link is attached to the front end of the "trip." The "cut-off" rope passes out the center of the track to a "bull wheel" near the tippie, around this wheel and returns along the side of the track to the mouth of the mine. The tail-rope, which is disconnected from the "trip," is attached to the other end of the "cut-off" rope, and the tail-rope then pulls the "trip" of cars to the tippie on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad, taking the pulling-rope, which is still attached to the other end of the "trip," with it. When the "trip" of empty cars is brought back to the mouth of the mine by the pulling-rope, both ends of the "cut-off" rope are brought back to the mouth of the mine where it is disconnected from the

"trip" and tail-rope and the latter is replaced on the hind end of the "trip" going into the mine. The "cut-off" rope is thus left in position for connecting into the haulage system when needed. The main tippie of mines No. 1 and No. 4 on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad is a Mitchell tippie with an iron basket attachment. The coal is first dumped into the basket and then the basket

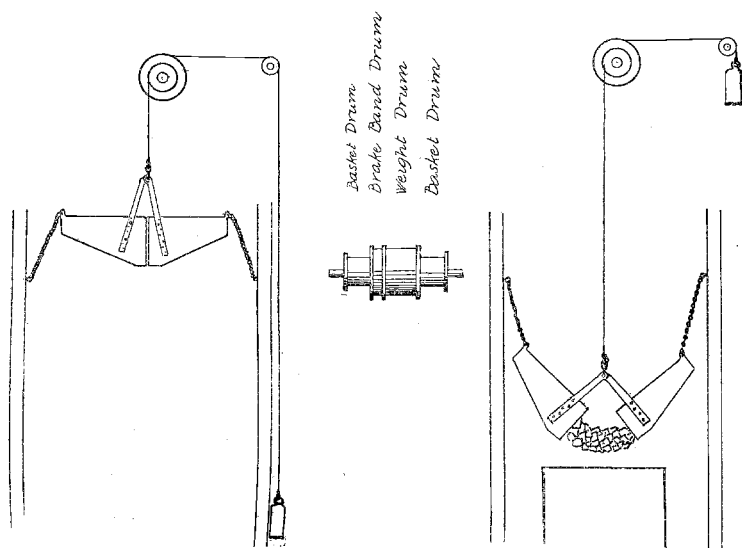


FIG. 42.—Sketch of Basket employed in Loading Cars by Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.

containing the coal is lowered into the railroad cars, the main object of the basket being to prevent breakage of the coal and therefore obtain a greater percentage of lump coal. The basket is suspended by a wire rope wound around a drum. The weight of the coal from a mine car dumped into the iron basket causes the basket to descend, the drum is turned and another wire rope with a weight attached is wound upon a drum of larger diameter on the same shaft as the smaller drum. When the basket has been lowered to the desired height it is opened by chains which connect it with the framework

of the tippie. When the coal is emptied from the basket the weights attached to the rope of the larger drum wind the basket rope upon the smaller drum again and lift the basket up to the level of the floor of the tippie. The basket is controlled by a brake band on the larger drum which is operated by a lever. In addition to the Mitchell tippie the dump has also a chute for loading box cars. On the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad the tippie for loading the coal from mine No. 1 is of the ordinary frame back-balance pattern.

The entrances to mines No. 1 and No. 4 are close together and are very nearly at the center of the coal basin. Mine No. 1 reaches the coal that lies on the western slope of the basin and is self-draining while No. 4 is in that part of the "Big Vein" coal lying in the center of the basin and on its eastern slope. The grades in the latter mine are very irregular even on the general line of strike of the coal basin where one would expect to find a nearly uniform water-level grade. Mine No. 4 is partly drained by a connection with the Consolidation Coal Company's drainage tunnel and at present no pumps are needed for draining either of these mines.

Two fans of Guibal pattern of 12 and 20 feet diameter respectively furnish exhaustive ventilation to mines No. 1 and No. 4. The fans are supplied by steam from the same boiler that supplies the stationary haulage engines. The gauge of the mine car tracks used at these two mines is 3 feet and the cars weigh 1800 to 2000 pounds when empty and have a capacity of $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons of coal. No coal-cutting or mining machinery is used in either of these mines or in any other of this company's mines in the Georges Creek region. The "Big Vein" coal is from 10 to 11 feet thick in these mines.

Mines No. 9 and 10.—On the east side of the Georges Creek valley between Midland Junction on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad and the town of Midland is a series of drift openings known as mines No. 9 and 10 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company. The capacity of the mines is 160 tons per day and 40 men are employed. The "Big Vein," about 10 feet thick, is mined from these drifts and the coal is shipped by the Georges Creek and Cum-

berland Railroad. The coal is brought to the tippie by two gravity planes 900 and 700 feet long. The main drift is at the extreme southern point of the coal outcrop on the hill above Midland Junction. The longer plane connects this opening with the tippie. The surplus power of the longer plane is utilized to bring loaded mine cars from two openings which are lower than the main opening up an incline to the top of the plane. A wire rope is connected with the rear end of the loaded "trip" going down the plane. The rope then passes around a bull-wheel and down the incline to the openings at the foot of the incline where the end of the rope is fastened to the car to be brought up. The rope is carried down the incline by the empty car, the rope acting as a brake to the car in its descent down the incline. The shorter outside gravity plane is used to bring the coal from another drift close to the town of Midland to the tippie and a tram road 700 feet long connects the drift with the plane. The tram road has a grade of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in favor of the loads and the cars are hauled over it by horses.

The main mine has an inside gravity plane 900 feet long as well as an inside incline for lowering cars. The grade of the latter incline is not over 8 per cent and a single bull-wheel serves to run down the loaded cars and bring up the empty ones, the two being connected with a wire rope which passes around the wheel. A brakeman rides on each "trip" and the cars are controlled entirely by the brakes. Two cars are run in a "trip" on both the outside and inside planes and usually the same number of cars are run at once on the inside and outside inclines. The gauge of the mine car tracks is 3 feet 6 inches and the mine cars weigh 1800 to 2000 pounds and are loaded to hold $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons of coal. The drainage and ventilation are both natural. The coal is mined exclusively by pick-work. The usual room and pillar system of mining is used. The cover of the coal is not great and rooms are driven 14 feet wide with point lines 40 feet apart.

Mine No. 3 or Pine Hill mine.—Three-quarters of a mile to the east of the openings of mines No. 1 and No. 4 and on the opposite

side of the valley and railroads from them is mine No. 3 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company, also known as Pine Hill mine. The coal worked is the "Big Vein," which is from 10 to 11 feet thick and has the same average section as the coal in mines No. 1 and No. 4. Seventy-five men and 7 horses are employed to produce a daily output of 250 tons of coal. At No. 3 mine the coal bed

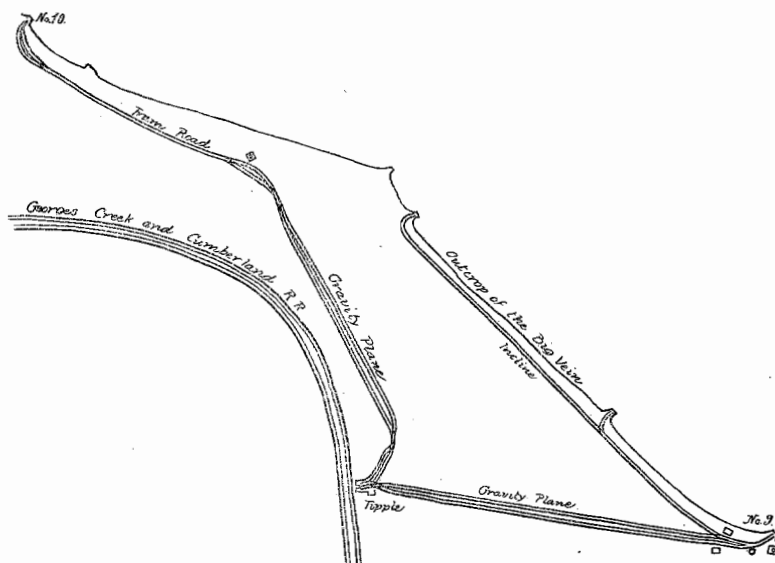


FIG. 43.—Sketch showing Track Arrangement, Union Nos. 9 and 10, Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.

lies high up on the hill on the eastern rim of the coal basin and a rather steep gravity plane 1200 feet long connects the openings of the drifts with the tipple on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. Two loaded cars descending bring two empty ones to the top of the plane. The grades of the coal bed within the mine are irregular and in many places, especially near the eastern outcrop, very steep and two inside gravity planes, one 600 feet long the other 1200 feet long are necessary to land the loaded mine cars inside of and near the mouth of the mines. From there they are transferred by

horses to the top of the outside plane. The drainage and ventilation are natural. The great difference in the elevations of the eastern outcrop and the western outcrop of the coal at the mouth of the drifts produces a natural draught more than sufficient for the requirements of the mine. The room and pillar system of mining is employed. The cover on the mine is not as heavy as of mines No. 1 and No. 4 and in mining smaller pillars are left between the rooms, the latter being 14 feet wide with centers 40 feet apart so that a pillar of coal of about 25 feet is left between them.

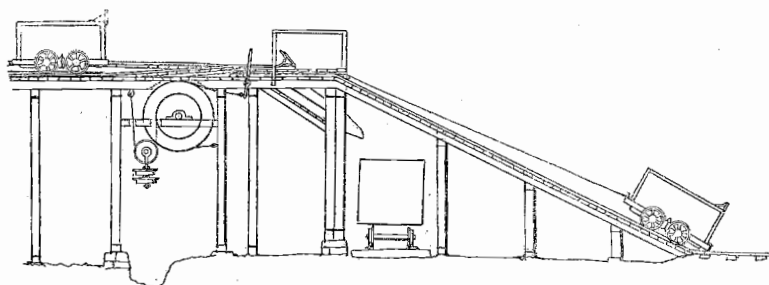


FIG. 44.—Sketch showing arrangement of Tipple and Prop-lift, Pine Hill, Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company.

In the workings of this mine along the eastern outcrop of the coal bed the grades are so steep that the loaded mine cars have sometimes to be let down to the headings with a wire-rope passing around a bull-wheel near the face of the room. The mine car tracks of this mine have a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches and the empty cars weigh 1800 to 2000 pounds and are loaded to carry $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons of coal. The tippie is of the ordinary back-balance pattern with Townsend automatic pin-puller and dumps sidewise into the railroad cars.

The tippie has also an incline for raising props and mine timber, the surplus power of the loaded cars coming down the gravity plane being utilized to lift a mine car of props from the prop yard to the top of the tippie. This is accomplished by connecting the car to be raised by a wire-rope to the rear end of the empty "trip" going up

the plane. When the car of props or timber reaches the top of the tippie the "trip" is stopped, the rope disconnected both from the car and the "trip." One end of the rope is then fastened to a double drum turning on one axle built beneath the tippie and the rope is wound back upon the drum by a weight which operates it. When the car is to be let down the short incline to be loaded with timber this rope is connected to it and the descent of the car is controlled by a brake band applied to the larger drum. As the car descends it winds the rope upon the smaller drum and lifts the weight that in its descent winds back the pulling rope upon the larger drum.

Mine No. 12 of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company is a drift mine in a detached area of the "Big Vein" that lies on the east side of the Georges Creek valley near the eastern rim of the coal basin, midway between mines No. 3 and No. 9 of the same company. The mine is connected with the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad over which the coal from it is shipped, by a 4-rail gravity plane 2200 feet long. The tippie is of the usual plain chute type common to the region. This mine was opened and coal first shipped from it in 1903.

Upper Sewickley or Tyson seam mines.—*Mine No. 16* of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company is a drift opening in the upper half of the Upper Sewickley, Tyson, or "Three and a half-foot" seam on the hillside just above the opening of the drift of mine No. 1 ("Big Vein"). A retarding conveyor and washing plant for this mine has just been put in operation. The mine was opened in 1903 and the output is as yet limited. The plant of this mine, which has just been built, consists of three 150-horsepower horizontal tubular boilers. A 238-horsepower engine drives an electric generator, which in turn supplies the power for two stationary electric motors, one of which (of 40-horsepower) operates the endless rope of the retarding conveyor, the other a 30-horsepower motor runs the machinery that washes and elevates the washed coal from the washer to the storage bins.

The coal is brought from mine No. 16 to the tippie by the retard-

ing conveyor 1000 feet long. At the lower end of the conveyor the coal passes over a screen. The lump coal is loaded directly into the railroad cars and the screened coal is transferred by a screw conveyor to the washer. The washed coal is elevated into the storage bins from which it is loaded into cars on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad as it is needed for shipment. The electric generator also supplies power for a four-ton electric motor for haulage in mines No. 16 and No. 17. The mine will be equipped with a 12-foot Guibal fan, which will also ventilate mine No. 17.

Mine No. 17 is a drift into the same coal bed as mine No. 16 and its entrance is on the hillside just above the mouth of the old drift of the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company's "Big Vein" mine No. 4½. A short, steep gravity plane connects the mine with its tipple on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad and a tramway 2200 feet long joins it with the retarding conveyor near mine No. 16. A four-ton electric motor transfers the coal from the mine to the conveyor over the tramway. The tipples of mines No. 16 and No. 17 are entirely independent of those used for loading coal from the "Big Vein" mines in their vicinity. A temporary wooden stack is used for ventilation. The interior workings of mines No. 16 and No. 17 will eventually meet and the haulage and ventilating systems of mine No. 16 will be extended into this mine.

A panel system of mining is employed in both mines No. 16 and No. 17. Rooms are driven in sets or panels of ten as the side entries advance. Each panel is separated from the next by a barrier pillar. The pillars between the rooms are drawn as soon as the rooms of each panel are up. After the pillars are drawn the haulage ways are retained by the necks of the rooms and a protecting stump which is left below the return airway of each set of entries.

The mine car tracks of mines No. 16 and No. 17 have a gauge of 42 inches and mine cars weighing 1000 pounds are used. Some of these are built entirely of iron but the bodies of the larger number of them are wooden.

THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY.

The Maryland Coal Company's mines are Kingsland, Appleton, New Detmold, and Patton, all of which are drifts on the western rise of the "Big Vein" near Lonaconing.

Kingsland and Appleton mines.—On the northwestern edge of the town of Lonaconing and on the west side of Koontz Run, which empties into Georges Creek at that town, are the Kingsland and Appleton mines of the Maryland Coal Company. The coal mined is the breast coal of the "Big Vein." One hundred and seventy-three turns or miners were employed in these two mines in 1902 and 42 other employees were engaged in hauling and handling the coal. The maximum daily output was 900 tons. The tipple on the west branch of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad, close to the mouth of the Kingsland, serves for both the Kingsland and Appleton mines. A tram road (42-inch gauge) 2200 feet long connects the latter mine with the tipple. A long gravity plane inside of this mine lands the loaded mine cars in "trips" of 13 cars just outside of the Appleton mine, whence they are hauled by a locomotive weighing 10 tons to the tipple. A wire-rope of 1½-inch diameter is used in operating the gravity plane in the Appleton mine. The rope passes five times around a set of wheels of 6 feet and 4 inches diameter at the top of the plane and 13 loaded mine cars going down the incline lift 13 empty cars to the top of the plane. In the Kingsland mine horses alone are used for haulage. In both the Appleton and Kingsland mines the coal is mined to the "rise," the drainage of both is natural, and no pumping machinery is required. A Guibal fan 16 feet in diameter produces exhaust ventilation for the Appleton mine and a fan of the same pattern 12 feet in diameter ventilates Kingsland, a 40-horsepower boiler supplying steam for the former and a 10-horsepower boiler the latter. The main tipple loads endwise into the railroad cars while an auxiliary tipple close to the main one supplies coal to the locomotives of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad.

The *New Detmold and Patton mines* of the Maryland Coal Com-

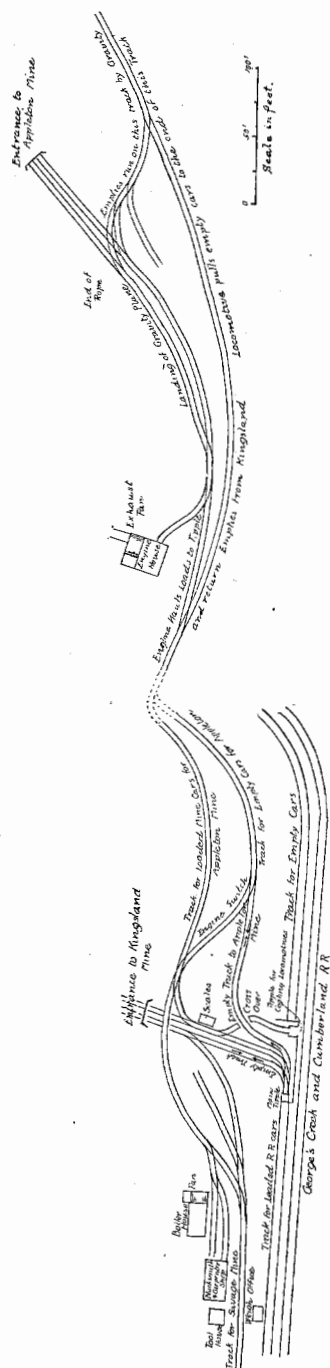


FIG. 45.—Sketch showing Track Arrangement at Appleton and Kingsland Mines, Maryland Coal Company.

pany are situated on the western side of the Georges Creek valley and of the coal basin, three-quarters of a mile southeast of Lonaconing. The tippie is at the end of the west branch of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad and on the opposite side of the valley from the tippie of the Jackson mines of the American Coal Company. The coal from the Patton mine of the Maryland Coal Company is brought through the New Detmold mine to the New Detmold tippie. In 1902 180 miners and 40 other employees were engaged in mining and shipping coal from these two mines and 13 horses were used in hauling the coal, in addition to a tail-rope haulage system. The maximum daily output of the two mines was 1000 tons of coal. The coal operated

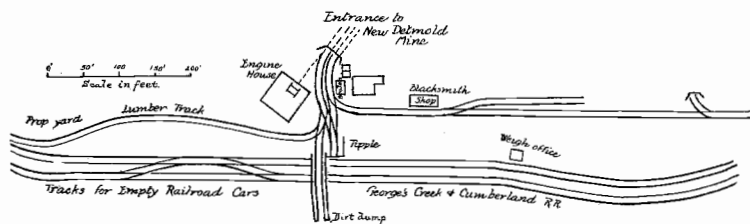


FIG. 46.—Sketch showing Track Arrangement, New Detmold Mine, Maryland Coal Company.

is the "Big Vein," which at this point of the Georges Creek valley lies high up on the hillside about the level of Georges Creek.

Only the breast coal is taken out of these mines and the props used are 8 feet long. The tail-rope system is operated by a 12 x 18-inch geared engine and 5-foot drum winding a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wire-rope by which the mine cars are brought to and from the tippie in "trips" of 24 cars. The haulage engine is supplied with steam by an "Economic" boiler, both the engine and boiler being located in the engine-house close to the mouth of the mine and tippie. A Guibal fan having a diameter of 16 feet, driven by an "Economic" portable engine and situated about one-third of a mile northwest of the tippie and mouth of the New Detmold mine furnishes compressive ventilation to both the New Detmold and Patton mines. The coal is mined exclusively

by pick and no mining machinery is used. No pumps are required to drain the mines as they are self-draining. The mine car tracks at all the mines of the Maryland Coal Company have a gauge of 42 inches and the mine cars weigh 1600 pounds when empty and have a capacity of 500 pounds of coal. An ordinary back-balance tippie is used and an automatic pin-puller at the New Detmold mine. The tippie loads the coal sidewise into the railroad cars.

THE AMERICAN COAL COMPANY.

The American Coal Company operates the Jackson mine, near Lonaconing, and the Caledonia mine at Barton. At both of these plants the "Big Vein" is worked and at each of them one of the smaller seams overlying the "Big Vein" is mined, that at the Jackson mine being the Waynesburg, and that at the Caledonia mine the Upper Sewickley.

The *Jackson mines* of the American Coal Company are situated on the eastern side of the Georges Creek coal basin adjoining and southeast of Lonaconing. The main seam operated is the "Big Vein," which in the mines of this company is from 13 to 14 feet thick. The mine employed in 1902 about 260 men and 14 horses who are used to produce a daily output of 1000 tons of coal. A seam of coal lying above the "Big Vein" has also lately been opened and the coal taken from it now amounts to about 75 tons daily. In the main mine in the "Big Vein" a tail-rope system one mile and five-eighths long brings the coal to the mouth of the drift, whence it is conveyed by a 22-ton locomotive over a tram road one mile long to the main tippie at Lonaconing. The tail-rope employed consists of two drums 7 feet in diameter winding a $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch haulage rope and a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tail-rope. A Guibal fan 25 feet in diameter with a maximum speed of 90 revolutions per minute furnishes compressive ventilation for this "Big Vein" mine. The tail-rope engine as well as the fan engine are supplied with steam from two $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 14-foot return-tubular boilers of 100 horsepower each. The mines, like all others

now operated in the Georges Creek basin south of Midland, are drifts. The drainage is natural and no pumps are required to dispose of the water. The coal is mined by pick and no mining machinery is used. In the "Big Vein" a mine car is used weighing when empty about 1850 pounds and holding about $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons of coal when loaded. In the mine in the Waynesburg seam a mine car containing about one ton of coal is used. The cars containing coal from the upper vein are let down by a gravity plane to the main tramway. The mine cars of this company differ from those generally used in the region in having a square body projecting over the wheels.

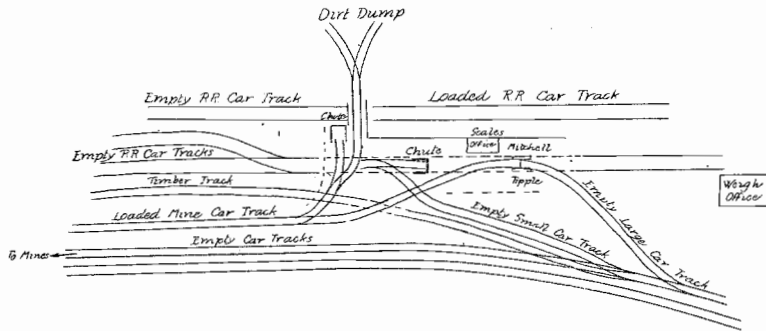


FIG. 47.—Sketch showing Tracks and Three-chute Tipple, Jackson Mine, American Coal Company.

The coal from the mine in the "Big Vein" is mainly dumped through a Mitchell tippie endwise into the cars on the siding of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad. Some of it is, however, loaded sidewise and endwise into the railroad cars over two other plain chutes at the main Lonaconing tippie. The coal from the small vein is loaded into the railroad cars at the same tippie but is only dumped through the plain chutes and not over the Mitchell tippie. The coal seam at this mine is about 13 feet.

The *Caledonia mines*.—At Barton, four miles southwest of Lonaconing, the American Coal Company operate their Caledonia mines. Both the "Big Vein" and the Sewickley coal bed lying 110 feet

above it are worked by drift openings. The "Big Vein" lies high up on the hill on the west side of the Georges Creek valley and coal basin and a gravity plane 2700 feet long connects the main line with the tipple on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and another plane 400 feet long lets down the coal from the mine in the Tyson or Sewickley coal to the head of the main planes. The coal from both mines is lowered over the main plane and dumped over one tipple. A $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch wire-rope is used on the longer plane and a 1-inch rope on the shorter one. The thickness of the "Big Vein" at the mines, as given by Mr. J. H. Parrett, the general superintendent of the American Coal Company, is 13 feet 9 inches.

The maximum daily capacity of the "Big Vein" Caledonia mine for 1902 was 500 tons, 70 men and 6 horses being used in the production of the coal. The mine cars used weigh 1820 pounds when empty and contain when loaded $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons of coal. The upper coal seam is about $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick.

The greatest daily output of the mine in the Waynesburg coal bed is 150 tons of coal, and 34 men and 2 horses are employed. The mine cars used in the upper seam are very little smaller and lighter in weight than those used in the "Big Vein," the former having a capacity of two tons and weighing when empty 1780 pounds. The gauge of mine car tracks is 3 feet. The ventilation and drainage of both mines is natural. No mine pumps, fans, or mining machinery are used or needed. The tipple is of the usual pattern, dumping sidewise into the railroad cars.

THE NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY.

Koontz mine.—The Koontz mine, operated by the New Central Coal Company, is situated a mile northwest of Lonaconing and has its tipple on a siding or spur of the west branch of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad. Both the coals of the Pittsburg or "Big Vein" and of the Upper Sewickley, lying 110 feet above it, are mined by drift openings on the east side of Koontz Run, opposite

and one-quarter of a mile above the Maryland Coal Company's Appleton mine. The coal from both beds is brought from the level of the mouth of the "Big Vein" to the tipple on the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad by a gravity plane 900 feet long. The main mine in the "Big Vein" is equipped with a tail-rope haulage system consisting of two return-tubular boilers 60 inches in diameter and 16 feet long, of 75 horsepower each. A double engine 14 inches by 24 inches geared $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 is used to operate three drums, two of

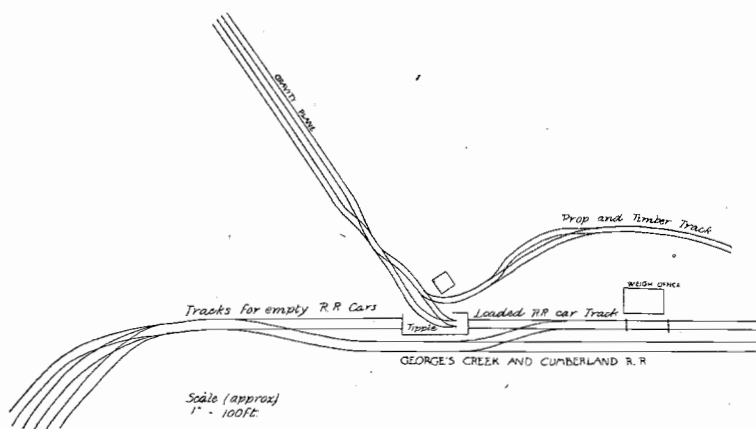


FIG. 48.—Sketch showing Tipple and Tracks, Koontz Mine, New Central Coal Company.

which are 4 feet in diameter and one 5 feet in diameter, which winds a main haulage rope of $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch diameter and a tail-rope of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter. The coal in the "Big Vein" averages $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick and in the smaller vein above about 40 inches. The maximum daily capacity of the Koontz mine (in 1902) was 650 tons, and 140 men are employed in addition to 11 horses. The mines are ventilated by two fans of 20 and 10 feet diameters, having capacities respectively of 60,000 and 25,000 cubic feet of air pressure per minute.

Compressive ventilation is used. The mines are partly self-draining and partly are drained by the old workings of the Georges Creek

Coal and Iron Company which lie between this mine and the center of the coal basin. No pumps are used and no mining machinery, the coal being cut entirely by pick-work. The usual system of room and pillar work used throughout the region is employed for taking out the coal. Two sizes of mine cars are used, one for each coal bed mined. The cars in use in the "Big Vein" or main mine have a capacity of two tons five hundred weight of coal and weigh when empty 1700 pounds. The gauge of track of both mines is 42 inches. The tippie is of frame and the coal is dumped endwise into the railroad cars. The tippie has a plain chute furnished with an automatic and ingenious but rather complicated pin-puller. The Pittsburgh coal seam at this mine is something over 12 feet.

Enough rock above the coal is taken down in the headings in the small vein to allow headroom for men and mules to pass under. In working rooms only the coal is taken out and the small empty cars are pushed by the miners from the heading to the working faces and when loaded are run by gravity to the headings. A tail-rope haulage system operated by a stationary engine, located on the outside, brings the mine cars from the side headings in the interior of the mine to the head of the outside gravity plane near the level of the drift mouths of the "Big Vein" mine.

THE CUMBERLAND BASIN COAL COMPANY.

At Barrellsville the Cumberland Basin Coal Company operates two mines in the lower Coal Measures. They also operate two mines across the State line in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The latter mines are drifts in the "Rock Vein" and "Big Vein" coal beds. This company began opening these mines in 1902.

The *McGlone and Stafford mines*, as the mines in the lower Measures are called, are openings in the coal beds known locally as the Brookville or Bluebaugh and Clarion or Parker veins respectively, and are on the southeast side of the valley of the north branch of Jennings Run, half a mile northeast of Barrellsville. In these mines

is worked the coal of the two lowest workable coal beds known in the region. The mines are on the eastern rise of the Georges Creek coal basin syncline and close to the point where that syncline passes out of Maryland into Pennsylvania. The Stafford mine is a drift opening while the entrance of the McGlone mine is a short slope down from the level of the Clarion or Parker seam into the Brookville or Bluebaugh which is about 30 feet below the former seam at that locality. The slope strikes the Brookville coal bed just above the water-level line of the north branch of Jennings Run. The entrances of both mines pass through the workings of old mines which were worked many years ago before the "Big Vein" was commercially worked, and after passing through the old workings the development of the mine is by a series of double headings driven slightly to the rise of the line of strike of the coal beds. The coal from both mines is hauled by mules to a tipple which serves for the shipment of the output of both. The tipple is located across the north branch of Jennings Run from the mines on a siding of the Cumberland Basin Coal Company's railroad a half mile from the junction of the latter with the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The mines are naturally drained into the north branch of Jennings Run and their ventilation is assisted by wooden stacks.

THE GEORGES CREEK AND BALD KNOB COAL COMPANY.

The Georges Creek and Bald Knob Coal Company during 1904 opened some drift mines in a detached area of "Big Vein" which formerly belonged to David Brailer. The mines of this company lie at the extreme northern end of the Georges Creek coal basin about two miles north of Mt. Savage. Three seams of coal have been opened and are ready for shipment. A steam locomotive delivers the loaded mine cars from the entrance of the mine to the head of a gravity plane down which they are run to the tipple situated on a spur of the Cumberland Basin Coal Company's railroad. The mines are naturally drained and ventilated.

THE BORDEN MINING COMPANY.

Through their shaft at Borden Shaft station on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad the Borden Mining Company formerly operated a considerable area of the "Big Vein" which lay on the west side of the railroad, and in the center and on the western slope of the basin, while on its western outcrop the same company also worked the "Big Vein" through the drift of the Bowery mine.

The main "Big Vein" coal territory owned by this company in the vicinity of these two mines has been worked out and the company is not operating either of them now.

W. A. and Howard Hitchins lease from the Borden Mining Company and operate the *Borden mine*, a drift in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" at the northern end and western edge of the basin. The mine has its tipple on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad close to the tipple of the Frost mine and across the valley of Jennings Run and nearly opposite the tipples of Union mine No. 1. The coal is brought from the mine to the tipple over a long tram road and gravity plane.

THE BRADDOCK COAL COMPANY.

The Braddock Coal Company in 1903 made an opening in the Rock Vein seam which is generally identified as the equivalent of the Upper Freeport coal. The opening is a double drift on the north side of Braddock's Run a short distance east of Clarysville. The tipple is on the Eckhart branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and the coal is taken across the valley of Braddock's Run in buckets by an aerial tramway rope-haulage system. The loaded mine cars are first emptied into a storage bin near the mouth of the mine. From the bin the coal is loaded into buckets and transferred across the valley to the tipple as needed for shipment. The rope and bucket system is worked by an engine and boiler located near the mine. The mine has two entrances, one for loads to come out of the mine, the other for empty cars to return into it.

THE FROSTBURG COAL MINING COMPANY.

The *Morrison mine*, now operated by the Frostburg Coal Mining Company, is situated at Morrison station of the Cumberland and

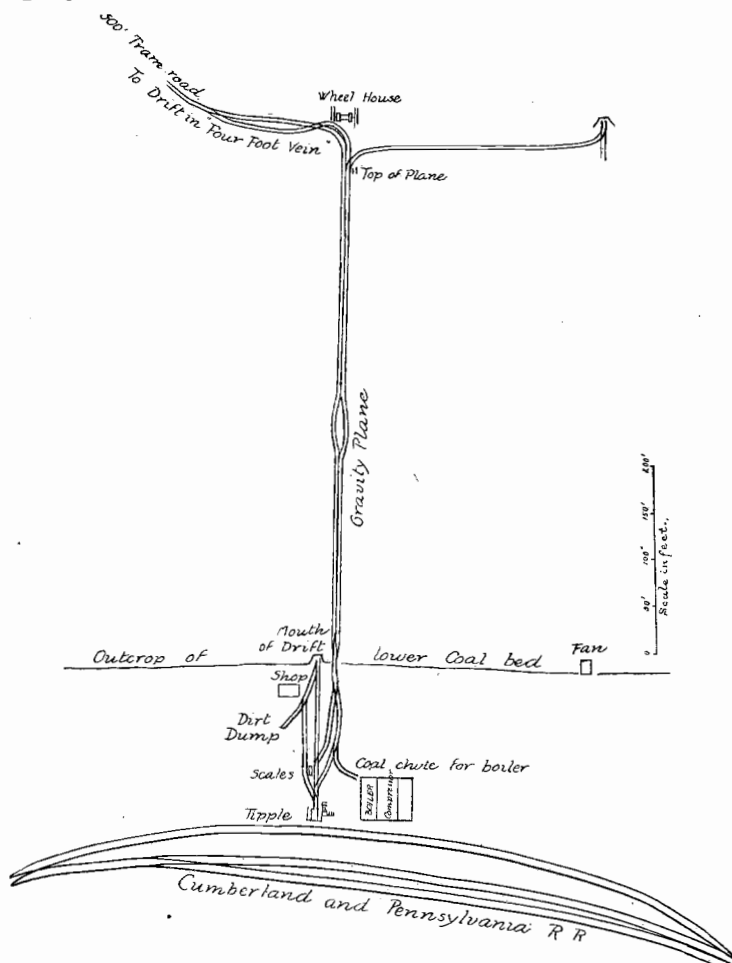


Fig. 49.—Sketch showing Tipple and Plane, Morrison Mine, Frostburg Coal Company.

Pennsylvania Railroad on the east side of the railroad and east of the axis of the coal basin. Two coal beds, the Upper Freeport and

Bakerstown, are worked by drifts and the coal brought to one tippie. The openings in the lower or Upper Freeport seam is 140 feet from the tippie and just high enough above it to afford an easy grade in favor of the loads from the mine to the tippie. In 1901 the maximum capacity of this mine was 100 tons of coal per day and 35 men were employed in it. In 1902 the upper coal bed was opened, and in 1903 the output was from both seams. A three-rail gravity plane connects the upper coal bed with the tippie. This upper coal bed is the one formerly worked by the Union Mining Company at their Potomac mine and in the mines of the Moscow-Georges Creek Coal Company at Barton, the lower coal bed passing under the level of Georges Creek between Barton and Morrison. The thickness of the upper coal bed varies in this mine from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet.

In these mines five Ingersoll-Sergeant coal-mining machines are used at times but usually only three of them are in operation at once. The coal-mining machines are operated by compressed air, which is supplied to them at a pressure of about 85 pounds to the square inch by an Ingersoll-Sergeant straight-line compressor with steam cylinder 22×24 inches and $22\frac{1}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{4}$ air cylinder. The compressor is intended to run ten mining machines. The lower mine is ventilated by a fan 10 feet in diameter which forces the air into the mine. A 100-horsepower return-tubular boiler 16 feet long and 6 feet in diameter supplies steam to the air compressor and fan. The upper mine is naturally ventilated, assisted by a wooden stack at the opening on the north side of the wheel-house at the head of the plane. Both mines are naturally drained. The Deepwell pump (6×12 inches, capacity 500 gallons per hour) is used for cooling the compressor. The tippie is built of wood 20 feet high, of the pattern common to the region, with an additional chute beneath the main chute for loading box cars. When the lower chute is used the bottom of the upper or main chute is lifted out. The mine cars weigh 1000 pounds and have a capacity of 1900 pounds of coal. The gauge of mine car tracks is 42 inches.

THE CHAPMAN COAL MINING COMPANY.

The *Swanton mine* at Barton, operated by the Chapman Coal Mining Company, is a drift opening in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" coal bed, on the west side of the Georges Creek valley and coal basin. The tippie is on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad close to Barton station and about 600 feet north of the tippie of the American Coal Company's Caledonia mines. A short three-rail gravity plane connects the mine with the tippie. The coal worked in this mine is usually 26 to 28 inches thick, sometimes reaching to a thickness of 34 inches. The roof is good. The mine is naturally drained and ventilated. This company has also relaid the track of the old Swanton mine plane and reopened the "Big Vein" and is mining the coal near the outcrop which was not taken out by the Swanton Company.

THE PIEDMONT AND GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY.

The Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company operates Washington mine No. 1, between Eckhart and Hoffman; Washington mine No. 2, at Eckhart; and the Tacoma mine, near Franklin.

Washington mine No. 1 of the Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company is operated by the above company under a lease from the Consolidation Coal Company. The mine is a drift in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" on the south side of Braddock's Run between Eckhart and Clarysville.

Washington mine No. 2 is operated by the same company under a lease from Charles Leatham (New York Mining Company?). The mine is a drift in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" at Eckhart.

The *Tacoma mine* of the Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company is a drift opening in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam on the west side of the coal basin and of Georges Creek, on a lease from Mr. E. J. Roberts and others. The tippie is on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad a half-mile south of

Franklin station, just across the railroad from the tipple of the mines of the Cumberland and Piedmont Mining Company. The entrance to the drift is 104 feet from the tipple, a tram road connects the two and the elevation of the coal bed above the siding necessitates a chute 74 feet to the railroad to convey the coal from the tipple to the railroad. At the beginning of 1902 eighty-five men were employed and 6 mules were used in operating the mine, and the maximum daily output was 275 tons of coal.

The coal is mined by pick-work exclusively and the haulage effected by mules. A furnace ventilates the mine and a syphon of 2-inch pipe assists in draining it. The mule cars when empty weigh 1100 pounds and contain $1\frac{1}{4}$ tons of coal. The gauge of mine car tracks is 42 inches. The coal in this mine is about 6 feet thick with a streak of bone coal a few inches thick near the top and a streak of sulphur in places near the middle of the seam with occasional rock faults and "clay veins." The usual room and pillar system of mining is employed. The rooms are driven 14 feet wide with pillars 25 to 30 feet wide between them.

THE MIDLAND MINING COMPANY.

The *Enterprise mine* on a spur of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, a half-mile northeast of Midland, is operated by the Midland Mining Company (under a lease from the Consolidation Coal Company). The seam mined is the "Big Vein," which has about the same thickness as in the mines of Ocean No. 1. The coal is mined by two drift openings driven into the outcrop on the west side of Neff's Run. Seventy men and 7 horses were employed in the mine in 1902 and the maximum daily output of coal at that time was 240 tons. The loaded mine cars are hauled by horses from the mines to the tipple over a tramway 4000 feet long. The company is now installing a wire-rope haulage plant consisting of a single-drum 85-horsepower hoisting engine by which the loaded cars will be lifted to the surface up an incline 1200 feet long. The coal is mined by

hand pick-work. The mines are self-draining and no artificial appliances are used for ventilation. The gauge of mine tracks is 3 feet. The mine cars weigh when empty 1780 pounds and have a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons loaded. A plain tippie, having an iron T-rail back-balance, loads the coal sidewise into the railroad cars.

In 1903 the Midland Mining Company also opened a coal bed on Federal Hill a mile or more south of Mt. Savage on the Winfield Trumble tract. The coal in this mine is about four feet thick. This coal is claimed by some to be the lower bench of the Pittsburg bed, while others consider it to be one of the beds between the Pittsburg and the Franklin, or possibly the Franklin bed. Mules haul the coal over a tramway from the main opening to the head of a gravity plane, 1300 feet long, which delivers it to the tippie. The latter is on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad between Morantown and Mt. Savage.

THE PHOENIX AND GEORGES CREEK MINING COMPANY.

About a mile above Franklin station on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad on the west side of the railroad and of Georges Creek is the tippie of the Phoenix and Georges Creek Mining Company. This tippie is on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The siding branches from the main track and crosses Georges Creek one-quarter of a mile below the tippie. Both the "Big Vein" (Phoenix mine) and the "Four-foot" or Bakerstown coal beds (Eckhart mine, a new mine opened in 1904) are operated by this company with drift openings and the coal from both is brought to the one tippie. A three-rail gravity plane 800 feet long connects the opening in the Bakerstown coal bed with the tippie, and another three-rail gravity plane 1575 feet long brings the coal in "trips" of two cars from the "Big Vein" mine to the top of the lower plane, to which it is transferred and lowered, one car at a time, to the tippie. The improvements for this operation were put in in 1902. The coal is mined by the room and pillar system, the

rooms being 12 feet wide with 50 feet between points or centers. Props 11 feet long are used in the upper mine in the "Big Vein." No mining machinery is used. The coal beds operated by this company lie on the western pitch of the basin and the mines are naturally drained and ventilated. The cars used are of more modern construction and different from those common to the region. The sides are held together by strap-iron "binders" passing around the outside of the body of the car. The cars used in the "Big Vein" mine have a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal and when empty weigh 1300 pounds. The gauge of tracks is 42 inches. The cars used in the Bakerstown seam are of similar construction to those used in the "Big Vein" mine. The tippie is the ordinary back-balance with frame trestle supports, and dumps the coal sidewise into the railroad cars.

THE PIEDMONT-CUMBERLAND COAL COMPANY.

This company operates two mines on the eastern side of the Georges Creek valley and coal basin. The coal from both mines is loaded over one tippie situated on a side-track of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad nearly a mile above the point where the Georges Creek empties into the north branch of the Potomac river. The "Big Vein" lying near the top of Hampshire Hill is worked at the Hampshire mine. The Lower Kittanning coal bed which lies not over 100 feet above the level of Georges Creek is also mined. A locomotive brings the coal over a long, narrow-gauge railroad from drift openings in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" on the northeastern side of Hampshire Hill to the top of a steep and long three-rail gravity plane down which it is run to the tippie. A short three-rail gravity plane parallel with the longer one connects the mine in the "Six-foot" seam with the tippie, the entrance to the latter mine being close to the top of the short plane.

THE MOSCOW-GEORGES CREEK MINING COMPANY.

The Moscow-Georges Creek Mining Company in 1902 opened and operated a drift mine in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" coal bed on

the east side of the Georges Creek valley, a half-mile above Barton. The tippie of this mine, known as Moscow No. 2, adjoins the tippie of the Moscow mine of the Piedmont Mining Company and on the same set of sidings of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad as the latter. The ventilation and drainage are both natural. The coal is mined by pick-work. A short tramway connects the mine with the tippie. The coal bed lies slightly above the necessary tippie height, to overcome which the tippie has a long chute. The tippie is of the ordinary back-balance pattern and the tippie structure and

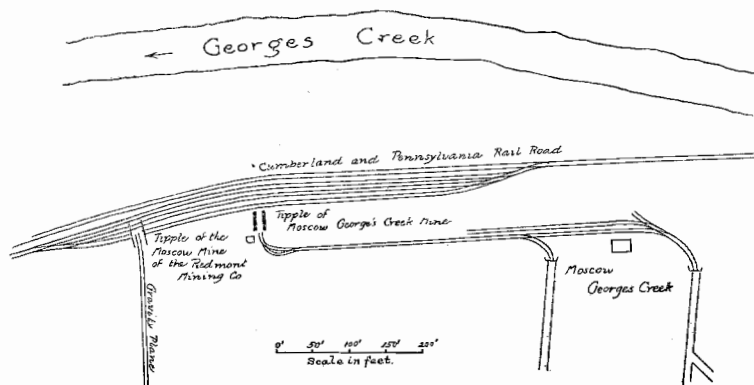


FIG. 50.—Sketch showing Track Arrangements and Tippie, Moscow Mines.

chute are of wood. The mine is at present idle on account of the workings going to the dip and the consequent inconvenience and expense of drainage.

The same company have also reopened the Pickell mine, renaming it Moscow No. 1, in the "Four-foot" seam on the west side of the Georges Creek valley immediately opposite the last-named mine. They have built a tippie but have not quite completed their connections with the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The mine is now opened to ship 450 tons a day. The coal of the "Four-foot" bed in the mines of this company varies in thickness from 26 to 34 inches.

The Moscow-Georges Creek Company have also opened a drift into the outcrop of the old "Big Vein" Pickell mine, and connected it with their tipple on the west side of the valley by a gravity plane 1950 feet long. The company intends to build another plane from the top of the new plane to reach a knob of "Big Vein" that lies higher up on Pickell Hill.

THE CUMBERLAND-GEORGES CREEK COAL COMPANY.

On the west side of Georges Creek and of the coal basins one-half mile above Franklin station the Cumberland-Georges Creek Coal Company has a tipple on a siding of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and operates the Penn mine, a drift in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" coal bed. The thickness of the coal (in the mine) varies from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. A three-rail gravity plane 1300 feet long and a tram road from the top of the plane to the drift connects the mine with the tipple. In 1902 the mine employed about 50 men and shipped about 100 tons of coal per day. Two mules were used inside and on the outside tramway. An opening has also been made in the "Six-foot" bed close to the tipple and at, or slightly below, the water-level of Georges Creek, but this mine is not operated at the present time. It is the intention of the company to operate four mines over the one tipple. The one on the "Six-foot" coal bed at water-level to be called the Franklin mine, the one in the Upper Freeport or "Three-foot" seam next above called the Mooredale mine, the Penn mine which is now worked in the "Four-foot" seam, and the Ferndale mine in the Franklin or $3\frac{1}{2}$ -foot seam above the "Four-foot." When in full operation it is expected that the daily capacity of the four mines, the coal from which will be dumped over this tipple, will be 1500 to 2000 tons. The coal in the drift now operated is mined by pick-work. The mine is self-draining and the ventilation is natural. A wooden air-stack without fire is used to produce a difference of level between the inlet and outlet of the air. The tipple is of framework covered with corrugated galvanized iron and

has two chutes loading the coal endwise. The sidings are long enough to contain 30 empty and 30 loaded railroad cars. The gauge of mine car tracks is 42 inches. The mine cars weigh when empty about 1200 pounds and hold one ton twelve hundred weight of coal.

THE PIEDMONT MINING COMPANY.

The Moscow mine of the Piedmont Mining Company is a drift opening in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" on the east side of Georges Creek and the coal basin. The tippie of the ordinary style of plain wooden structure, is on a side-track of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, a half-mile above (northeast of) Barton. A gravity plane 1100 feet long connects the mine with the tippie. Fifty-one men were employed in 1902 and three horses used for haulage purposes to produce a maximum output of 500 tons per day. The drainage and ventilation are both natural and the coal is mined by pick-work exclusively. The gauge of mine car tracks used is 42 inches and the weight of cars averages 1817 pounds with a carrying capacity of 2 to $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons of coal. The Bakerstown or "Four-foot" coal bed has also been opened but is not mined to any extent.

THE LONACONING COAL COMPANY.

The Lonaconing Coal Company operated the Shamrock mine in the "Big Vein" adjoining and just to the east of the town of Lonaconing. The coal of this mine is owned by the Consolidation Coal Company and leased by them on a royalty to the Lonaconing Coal Company. The Shamrock mine is in a knob high up on the extreme eastern edge of the Georges Creek coal basin. An outside inclined plane 1800 feet long connects the mine with the tippie on a siding of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad. The grade of the coal seam being steep, the main heading of the mine for 1300 feet is a continuation of the outside incline plane. The total incline inside and out is 3100 feet of single track of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet gauge. A 75-horsepower double-cylinder engine with double-brake bands operates a

drum four feet in diameter which lets down 6 loaded cars at a time from the top of the inside plane to the tippie and lifts the same number of empty cars from the tippie to the top. Forty-four hundred feet of wire-rope $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch thick is used to operate the haulage system of

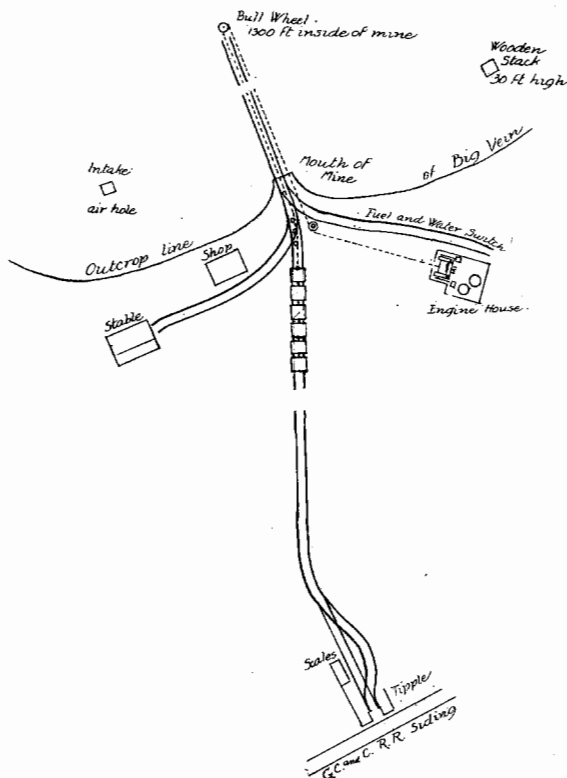


FIG. 51.—Sketch showing Plan of Haulage System, Shamrock Mine, Lonaconing Coal Company.

this mine. The steam for the haulage engine is supplied by two upright boilers of about 50-horsepower, one only of them being used at a time. The mine cars used at this mine are of the pattern most common in the region and weigh when empty about 1800 pounds and when loaded about $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons. The average number of men em-

ployed in 1902 was 125 and the maximum daily output of coal 450 tons of 2240 pounds. Seven horses were used in hauling the coal to the top of the inside plane. The drainage and ventilation are both natural. For ventilating the workings a wooden stack 5 feet by 6 feet square and about 30 feet high produces a natural draught without the use of fire. No pumps are required. No coal-cutting machinery is used and the coal is all mined by pick-work. The tippie is side- and self-dumping with automatic pin-puller designed by George Townsend.

THE COROMANDEL COAL COMPANY.

The Coromandel Coal Company owns a drift mine in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" on the hill above and on the east side of the town of Lonaconing. The mine was formerly the "Big Vein" mine of the New Central Coal Company. The tippie on the east branch of the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad is close to the entrance to the mine. Twenty men and 3 horses were employed in 1901 and 1902 and the daily capacity of the mine was 120 tons. The ventilation and drainage are both natural and horsepower is used exclusively for haulage. The coal is mined by hand pick-work. The mine cars weigh 1760 pounds empty and hold two tons five hundred weight of coal. The gauge of tracks is 42 inches. The tippie is of frame, dumping sidewise into the railroad cars. At present this mine is idle.

G. C. PATTISON'S MINES.

On a siding on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad a quarter of a mile west of Bloomington Mr. G. C. Pattison operates two mines under a lease from the Empire Coal Company and the Jones and Owens estates, and the coal from both is shipped over one tippie which has a separate chute for each mine. The opening in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" bed is a drift 35 feet above the level of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and is connected with the tippie by a short tram road. Forty men were employed and 6 horses

used in this mine in 1902 and the maximum daily capacity was 200 tons of coal. The drainage is natural and the coal is mined exclusively by hand. The mine is ventilated by a small fan. Where the coal bed has its best development in this mine it shows a little over four feet. The roof is a fire-clay shale, varying in thickness from nothing to 18 inches, above this fire-clay is a strong sandstone. The bed is subject to squeezes in which the thickness of the coal is considerably reduced and a number of thin clay bands have been encountered in the workings of the mine.

The upper mine in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" coal bed lies 410 feet immediately above the opening in the "Six-foot" bed, and is connected with the tippie by a gravity plane 1010 feet long. In this mine 25 men and 4 mules were worked in 1901 and its maximum daily capacity was 100 tons of coal. The thickness of the coal bed averages 28 inches with 15 inches of bone coal above it and about 5 inches of bone and shale below. The ventilation and drainage are natural and the coal is mined by pick-work. The mine car track gauge of both mines is $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The mine cars weigh 1000 pounds when empty and contain $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal.

THE MONROE COAL MINING COMPANY.

On the opposite side of the Potomac river from Barnum station on the West Virginia Central Railroad, 8 miles above Westernport, the Monroe Coal Mining Company operates two drift mines on the western slope of the Potomac valley syncline. One of these mines is in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam and was formerly known as the Barnum mine of the Watson-Loy Coal Company. The other mine is in the Bakerstown or "Four-foot" vein and was known until 1902 as the Loy mine of the last-named coal company. The river has been bridged and the coal from both mines is brought across to the tippie on the West Virginia Central Railroad on the West Virginia shore. The level of the opening in the "Six-foot" vein is just high enough to give a descending grade suitable for mule haulage

from the mine to the tippie. The "Four-foot" seam is high up on the hill above the river and required a gravity plane 1350 feet long and a tram road at the top of the plane to connect the mine with the tippie. Thirty men are employed in each mine, and four mules are used in each for haulage purposes, the maximum daily output of each being 150 tons of coal. The railroad siding has room for eight empty cars and will be extended to connect with the West Virginia Central Railroad above as well as below the tippie.

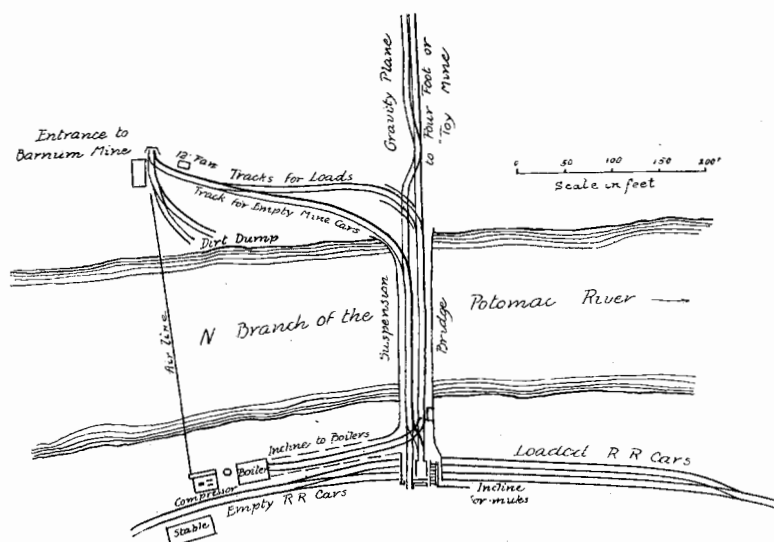


FIG. 52.—Tippie of the Barnum and Loy Mines, Monroe Mining Company.

The equipment of the Barnum mine consists of two horizontal boilers of 125 horsepower each. These supply an Ingersoll-Sergeant straight-line air compressor, which in turn operates five Harrison coal-cutting machines which are used in the mine in the lower "Six-foot" coal bed. The air compressor has a 24 x 36-inch steam chest and a capacity of 1400 cubic feet of air per minute. The boilers, compressor, and its receiver, the latter being 30 inches in diameter and 22 feet long, are located on the West Virginia shore near the

tipple, and the compressed air is conveyed across the Potomac river through a 6-inch pipe supported by a wire suspension bridge. The 6-inch pipe-line extends 500 feet into the mine in the lower "Six-foot" seam, where it is reduced to 4 inches diameter. Pipes 1½ inches in diameter lead into the rooms and supply air to work the coal-cutting machines. The coal in the upper or "Four-foot" seam is mined by pick-work. The coal for the boilers is run down a short incline from the tipple to the boiler house and the empty cars are hoisted up this incline and returned to the tipple by a small hoisting engine stationed in the boiler house. The engine winds a wire-rope which passes around a bull-wheel at the top of the incline.

Besides the main chute the tipple has an additional chute for loading wagons for local use. The main chute is constructed with a folding bottom which can be lifted or folded and the coal loaded into box cars on the second track of the railroad siding which passes under the tipple. In addition to the steps for the use of the men with which tipple structures are usually provided, the tipple of this company has an incline which is intended as a travelling way for mules to and from the mines.

The room and pillar system of mining is used in both of the mines of the Monroe Coal Mining Company. The main entries are 9 feet wide with pillars of coal 75 feet between the entry and the air courses. Branch entries are 15 feet wide with pillars of coal 30 feet wide between the parallel entries. Rooms are driven 45 feet wide with a track on each side of them and the slate and dirt is "gobbed" in the center of the rooms. The pillars between rooms are 45 feet wide.

The rooms are usually 300 feet long. Three hundred and forty feet is left between each pair of branch entries and a pillar of 40 feet is allowed to remain between the end of the rooms and the air courses to protect the latter until the pillars are drawn. In the "Six-foot" seam the height of the coal is sufficient to afford head room for men and mules without taking down the roof, while in the upper "Four-foot" seam two feet of the roof is taken down in headings. The coal seam in the Barnum mine is over five feet, with slaty part-

ings and some bony coal, while scarcely three feet of workable coal is found in the Bakerstown seam.

The workings of the "Six-foot" vein are ventilated by a fan 10 feet in diameter having a capacity of 40,000 cubic feet per minute. Compressive ventilation is used, the fan, however, is constructed to either exhaust the air from the mine or force it into it. A furnace and stack ventilate the mine in the upper "Four-foot" seam. Both mines have natural drainage. The gauge of mine car tracks is 42 inches. The cars used on the lower mine have a capacity of one ton fifteen hundred weight and weigh 1100 pounds when empty. Those used in the upper mine contain one ton four hundred weight and weigh when empty 900 pounds. The mine cars are constructed with four iron bands surrounding the body of the car. Those used in the lower or "Six-foot" bed have double brakes, those of the upper or "Four-foot" seam have single brakes.

THE UPPER POTOMAC MINING COMPANY.

The Upper Potomac Mining Company in 1902 made three drift openings in the Franklin or "Split-six" coal bed on the Maryland side of the north branch of the Potomac river. The tippie of these mines is on the West Virginia Central Railroad between Harrison and Schell stations. The coal is brought down a gravity plane and over the Potomac river by a bridge to the tippie. The latter has a plain wooden structure with the short chute characteristic of West Virginia Central operations, dumping endways into the railroad cars. The company have a number of miners' houses on the hill on the Maryland side of the river and mine from 20 to 25 tons of coal per day. The mines are naturally drained and ventilated.

THE DATESMAN COAL COMPANY.

At Stoyer station is a small operation (Alice No. 1 mine) belonging to the Datesman Coal Company. This is a drift in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam. It is not worked continuously and was idle when visited.

THE STOYER RUN COAL COMPANY.

Stoyer No. 2 mine.—A short distance up the West Virginia Central Railroad above the latter is Datesman mine which I believe belongs to the same company. This is likewise a drift in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam which has a binder of some thickness in parts of the seam. It was worked some years ago but for the last ten years it has been idle more or less of the time. In 1904 it reported a daily output of 75 tons a day. The work is all pick-work, no machines being used.

THE BLAINE MINING COMPANY AND GARRETT COUNTY COAL AND MINING COMPANY.

At Dill, between Blaine and Harrison, on the West Virginia Central Railroad, 19 miles southwest of Westernport, the Blaine Mining Company and the Garrett County Coal and Mining Company each operate a drift mine in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam on the Maryland side of the Potomac river. The coal from these mines is run across a bridge over the Potomac river to a double siding on the West Virginia Central Railroad on the West Virginia shore. The bridge and tipple, although but one structure serving for the two mines, has double tracks, scales, and dumps so that the output of each can be weighed and loaded into separate cars on the railroad siding. The tipple structure is but 14 feet above the tracks of the railroad siding and has no chutes, the coal being dumped directly into the railroad cars. The sidings hold 8 empty and 8 loaded railroad cars for each mine.

The Blaine Mining Company's mine, lying about one-third of a mile west of the Potomac river, is connected with this tipple by a gravity plane 1125 feet long and a tram road 1100 feet in length, the latter being of easy grade and leading from the foot of the plane across the bridge to the tipple on the West Virginia side. At the landing at the foot of the plane the rope is disconnected from the

"trip" of four loaded cars and the "trip" is run into the tipple by gravity, controlled by a brakeman. The empty cars are returned to the bottom of the plane by a horse and driver. The drift opening

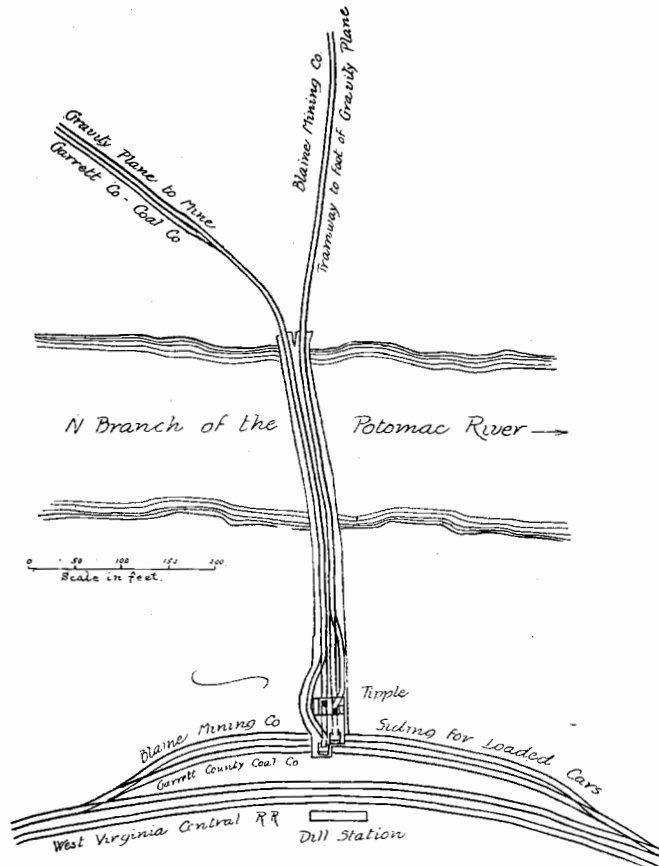


FIG. 53.—Tipples of the Blaine Mining Company and Garrett County Coal Company, at Dill.

is just far enough from the top of the plane to afford trackage room for cars. Sixty-five men and 6 horses are used in this operation to produce a maximum daily output of 200 tons of coal. The mine is a drift and the coal worked to the rise with entries and rooms in favor

of the loaded cars. The haulage is done by horses and the drainage is natural. Some heavy grades are encountered in the workings. The coal bed averages 5 feet in thickness with two slate partings about one inch thick dividing the coal bed into three nearly equal benches. The room and pillar system of mining is used. The double parallel entries have pillars 60 feet thick between them. The main heading is 10 feet wide. Branch headings are 16 feet wide and air courses 18 feet. Rooms are driven 18 feet wide and have pillars of 40 feet between them. The length of the rooms or the distance from one heading to the air courses of the heading is 300 feet.

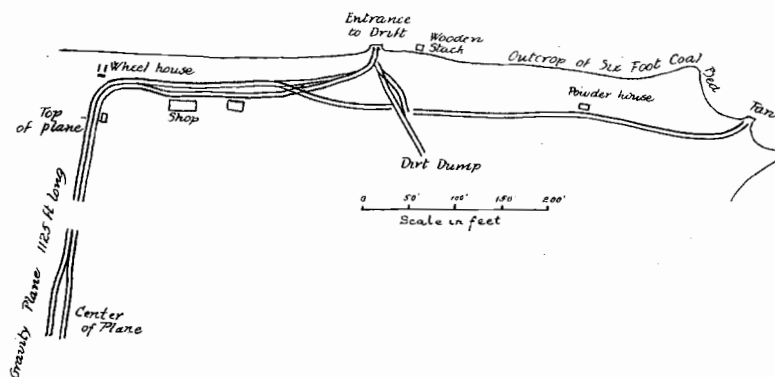


FIG. 54.—Track Arrangement of the Blaine Mining Company.

In the headings 12 to 15 inches of fire-clay rock above the coal bed is taken out and 10 to 12 inches of coal above the fire-clay so that the headings will average $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height. The course of the main heading is N. 44° W. That of butt entries to the right is N. 15° E., and of butt entries to the left S. 60° W. The rooms are driven N. 44° W. or parallel to the main entry. The coal is mined entirely by pick-work. The mine is ventilated naturally, assisted by a fan at the drift mouth 100 yards or more northeast of the main opening. The mine cars have a capacity of a ton and a half of coal each and weigh 1200 pounds when empty. They are constructed with three strap-iron binders, and most of them are furnished with double brakes, the bar

passing underneath and operating upon both wheels on each side of the car. The gauge of mine car tracks is three feet.

The Garrett County Coal and Mining Company's mine, known as Dill No. 1, is a drift opening in a tract of the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" seam, which lies along the frontage of the Maryland shore of the Potomac river. The mine is separated from the Blaine Mining Company's mine by a ravine which has cut out the coal bed and divided them into two distinct operations. A tram road leads from the drift to the top of the plane. The plane lands the loaded mine cars at the western end of the bridge alongside of the track of the Blaine Company, whence they are run over the bridge to the tipple by gravity and are returned to the bottom of the plane by horses. The plane has three rails and the gauge of the track is 3 feet. The coal bed is worked to the rise and the mine is therefore naturally drained and ventilated and the coal, which is of about the same thickness as that in the Blaine Company's mine, is cut by pick-work.

At Dodson, about a mile above Harrison on the West Virginia Central Railroad, the Garrett County Coal and Mining Company in 1902 operated a mine in the "Six-foot" seam on the Maryland side of the Potomac river where they have built a bridge across the river to bring the coal to a tipple on the West Virginia Central Railroad. The "Three-foot" or Upper Freeport seam at this locality shows 52 inches of coal and it is the intention of the company to operate it as well as the "Six-foot" seam. The company have built a number of miners' houses.

THE DAVIS COAL AND COKE COMPANY.

The Davis Coal and Coke Company operates a set of openings in the outcrop of the "Big Vein" on Franklin Hill, which lies between Georges Creek and Savage river. The openings are known as the Franklin, Scrap, and Buckhorn mines. The coal is brought to the tipple on the West Virginia Central Railroad about two miles above Piedmont, West Virginia, by a series of tram roads and gravity planes. The mine employed 80 men in 1902, and the maximum

daily production was 300 tons of coal. The thickness of the coal is 13 feet with a 2-inch slate parting about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the bottom of the coal bed. The mine is naturally drained and ventilated and the coal is mined exclusively by pick-work. Twelve horses are used for haulage purposes. The mine cars weigh when empty 1700 pounds and have a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal. The gauge of mine car tracks is 42 inches.

The *Buxton mine*, operated by the Davis Coal and Coke Company, is a drift in the Lower Kittanning or "Six-foot" coal bed, on the east side of the north branch of the Potomac river at the mouth of Savage river, two miles above Westernport. The coal from both the Franklin and Buxton mines of the Davis Coal and Coke Company is brought across the Potomac river to the tipple on the West Virginia Central Railroad. From the Buxton mine the coal is lowered to the tipple and the empty cars raised to the mine over an inclined plane. The engine used for this purpose is supplied with steam by an 80-horsepower tubular boiler. The coal operated is about $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the bottom of the coal bed with a streak of bony coal 4 to 6 inches thick about 8 inches from the roof. A "draw sl te" from 2 to 4 inches lies immediately above the coal, above which there is a good roof.

One hundred and fifty men were employed in the Buxton mine in 1902 and the development of the mine was sufficient to produce 575 tons of coal, which is mined exclusively by pickwork. For underground haulage 18 mules were required. The mine cars weigh 1600 pounds when empty and have a capacity of $1\frac{3}{4}$ tons of coal. The gauge of track used is 42 inches. For ventilation a fan, 10 feet in diameter, forces air into the workings. Two pumps, with capacities of 100 gallons per minute each, are used for drainage. The present daily output of the Buxton mine is nearly 1000 tons of coal.

At Henry, West Virginia, just across the Maryland line near the southeastern corner of Garrett county, the Davis Coal and Coke Company in 1901 and 1902 sank two shafts to the Thomas and the Davis coal beds, as the Upper Freeport or "Three-foot" and the Lower Kit-

tanning or "Six-foot" seams are respectively called by that corporation. An area of coal lying beneath the Maryland side of the Potomac river will eventually be worked from this plant, but as yet and for many years to come the workings of this mine will be confined to the coal which lies beneath the surface of the State of West Virginia. At this plant each of the above-named coal beds is opened to produce 500 tons of coal per day. When the mines in both seams are developed to their full capacity the company expect to hoist 4000 tons of coal daily from these shafts. At present only the upper or "Thomas" (Upper Freeport) coal bed is worked. The Upper Freeport coal bed at this mine has on an average 3 feet 3 inches of coal above which is a succession of thin strata of bone coal and soft coal to a total height of 5 feet from the bottom of the coal bed. Above this is a tough sand rock which makes an excellent roof. The Upper Freeport or "Thomas" coal lies 198 feet beneath the surface at the Twin Shaft (No. 2). It is reached and operated through two of the hoisting compartments of the Twin Shaft. The other two of the hoisting compartments of this shaft extend from the surface downward 419 feet to the Lower Kittanning or "Davis" coal bed. This coal bed has an average of 43 inches of coal in the lower bench and 30 inches in its upper bench. The two benches are separated by a binder of variable thickness.

No. 1 shaft has three compartments 7 x 12 feet, two hoistways, and one airway. The hoistways are used to raise and lower men and supplies to both seams. The shaft is 432 feet deep and is sunk 7 feet below the bottom of the Davis coal bed. Run-of-mine coal can be loaded on two railroad tracks from the tippie of Shaft No. 1. The latter is 100 feet from the shaft and is connected with the main boiler plant by a steel trestle. A lorrie, operated by a trolley, delivers coal over the trestle to the boilers. The boiler plant consists of six 150-horsepower steam tubular boilers and one Stilwell-Pierce and Smith-Vaile heater No. 5.

The power-house equipment is one Ingersoll-Sergeant straight-line compressor, 24 x 30 inches, which supplies air through a 6-inch pipe-

line to 11 Ingersoll-Sergeant coal-cutting machines. One Westinghouse generator, 75-horsepower, used for operating the conveying machinery of the tippie and for lighting the town. One Ballwood engine and a Bullock generator of 200 horsepower are used for running a 13-ton electric motor in mine. The hoisting engines of both shafts are run by steam, supplied from the boiler plant through 7-inch pipes which branch from the main 10-inch line. The hoisting engines of No. 1 shaft are geared and its winding drums are 7 feet in diameter and 3 feet wide. A geared clutch on one of these drums controls the length of rope and allows the engineer to lift at will from either seam with either cage. For shaft No. 2 of the main hoisting shaft, there are two sets of 24 x 36-inch direct-acting hoisting engines equipped with steam emergency brakes, safety hand brakes, and a steam reversing brake. The winding drums of shaft No. 2 are 7 feet in diameter and 8 feet long. At both shafts 1½-inch steel ropes are used for hoisting cages. Both mines are ventilated by a fan 13 feet 2 inches by 7 feet of Capell pattern. The fan is located at shaft No. 1, is driven by a 16 x 19-inch direct-connecting engine, and is constructed to either force or exhaust the air. The fan structure is of brick with a sheet-iron cover.

Two 16 x 9 x 18-inch Smith-Vaile pumps, operated by steam, lift the water from "sump" of the lower coal bed to the "sump" of the upper seam. One of these pumps is usually sufficient to keep the mine in the lower seam free from water. The second pump is only used in cases of emergency. At the "sump" of the upper seam, which is located close to shaft No. 1, two 24 x 12 x 30-inch Young pumps with 12-inch suction and 10-inch discharge are installed and lift the water of both mines to the surface. The capacities of each of the two last-named pumps is 600 gallons per minute, only one of them is now needed to keep the mine free from water.

The underground workings in both the Upper Freeport or "Thomas" and Lower Kittanning or "Davis" coal beds are developed upon the same plan. Near the shafts two sectional headings diverge 120° from each other. Off of the sectional headings butt

entries are driven with point lines 60 feet apart. Rooms are made 20 feet wide or the width of five cutting machine boards. A 13-ton electric motor is used for haulage in the mine in the Upper Freeport seam. The main underground motor tracks of this mine are laid with 56-pound T-iron and the mine cars are built to contain 1.7 tons of coal. The coal from the main hoisting shaft No. 2 first passes over a screen and is delivered into the picking tables where the slate is taken out by hand. The cleaned coal then is loaded into the railroad cars. The picking tables are run by electric motors at a slow speed. The slate taken from the coal on the picking tables is conveyed by belts to bins from which it is loaded into cars and taken to the slate dump.

THE CHEMICAL AND HEAT-PRODUCING PROPERTIES OF MARYLAND COALS

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INTRODUCTORY.

It is the purpose of the present paper to give a brief outline of the investigations, whose results are tabulated in succeeding pages, and to give an explanation of the various terms employed in describing the chemical and heat-producing properties of the Maryland coals. The arrangement of the results by seams in each basin and the discussion of the samples in a geographic order from north to south was introduced to bring out whatever properties might be characteristic for a given seam or basin and to accentuate, if any such fact existed, the regularity of change in properties from one portion of a basin to another. A study of the tables shows that the coals of Maryland are remarkably similar whether they be considered by basins, seams, or geographic arrangement. Minor features have been noted, especially in the Pittsburg or "Big Vein" seam, but these changes across the basin have been so slight that local variations from single localities may obscure them and thereby render of no practical value the application of general changes.

PREPARATION OF SAMPLES.

The preparation of samples for a testing of their chemical and heat-producing properties involves a careful selection of samples in the mines which shall represent the character of the seam as furnished to the market; and a thorough mixing and subdivision of the larger

samples to those suitable for laboratory tests in order that the results may represent average and not exceptional conditions. The samples were collected by geologists of the State Survey and prepared by the writers.

The method employed in obtaining the samples was as follows:

The visiting geologist had a groove cut from the top to the bottom of the seam, or part of the seam, from which a sample was desired. The material thus obtained by cutting such a groove was then sorted by hand, and the "bone" and "shale" usually rejected by the miner¹ was discarded. The rest of the material, representing the coal as prepared for the market, was then piled upon a clean floor, the large lumps were broken, and the whole well mixed and "quartered," two quarters being rejected. This mixing and "quartering" was repeated until there remained but a small bulk of coal. This was then placed in tight preserving jars, properly labelled, one jar being sent to the laboratory for examination, another jar being retained in the collections of the Survey as a record and protection against accidental loss of samples.

The samples thus furnished to the laboratory were prepared for final testing in the following manner: Each sample was put through a grinder and the crushed material was then thoroughly mixed and quartered until the coal was reduced to a quantity just sufficient for the various examinations.

ANALYSES.

The chemical properties of the coals were determined by analyses, which were classified as proximate and ultimate. The former give a close approximation of the heat-producing and commercial values of the coal, the latter the actual chemical constituents which go to make up the coal.

As the proximate analysis is the one employed in commercial transactions, all of the analyses made were of this type.

¹ This report, page 539.

PROXIMATE ANALYSES.

The proximate analysis of coal is conducted in this country by an empirical method,² the following five determinations being made:

1. "*Moisture*," that is, the water present in the coal.
2. "*Volatile Carbon*," that is, the combustible material driven from the coal by heating to a red heat in a closed vessel.
3. "*Fixed Carbon*," that is, the combustible material which is not driven from the coal when it is heated to a red heat in a closed vessel.
4. "*Ash*," that is, the non-combustible mineral material remaining when the coal is completely burned.
5. "*Sulphur*," that is, the total amount of sulphur present in the coal.

These five determinations are made in the following manner:

1. A weighed amount of the prepared sample of coal is placed in an oven heated to a temperature of 220° F. to 225° F. and kept there one hour, during which time the moisture is driven off. The coal is then weighed, and the loss in weight, if any, is indicated as *moisture*. This moisture is indicated in the tables by the symbols " H_2O ."

2. Another portion of the prepared sample of coal is weighed and placed in a weighed platinum crucible, which crucible has a closely fitting lid. This crucible, with the lid on, is heated to a red heat for seven minutes, during which the volatile gases are driven off, the sample and crucible are then cooled and weighed. The loss in weight is the moisture plus the volatile carbon; deducting from this loss in weight the moisture as determined above, the difference represents the *volatile carbon*. This is indicated in the tables by the symbols "V. C."

3. This same portion of coal after the moisture and volatile carbon have been expelled, is heated in the crucible, with the lid removed, until no more combustible material remains. The crucible is then weighed, the loss in weight representing the *fixed carbon*. This is indicated in the tables by the symbols "F. C."

² Report of the Committee on Coal Analysis, Jour. Amer. Chem. Soc., vol. xxi, No. 12, pp. 1116-1132, 1899.

4. From this last weight is deducted the weight of the crucible, the difference giving the weight of the *ash*. This is indicated in the tables by the symbol "A."

5. For the determination of the *sulphur* a third portion of the prepared sample of coal is weighed and mixed with sodium carbonate and magnesium oxide and burned to an ash. These chemicals retain all the sulphur in a condition readily estimated by suitable analytical methods. This sulphur is indicated in the tables by the symbol "S."

ULTIMATE ANALYSES.

The ultimate analysis of coal means the determination of the elements which enter into its composition. This is accomplished by burning the coal under suitable precautions for catching and measuring the various products formed and from the weights or volumes of these products the amount of each constituent is determined.

CALORIFIC OR HEATING VALUE.

The determination of the calorific or heating value of coal is made by burning a weighed amount of the prepared sample in a strong, closed vessel, called a "bomb," the latter being completely submerged in water. The heat produced by the burning of the coal is transferred to the water and the temperature of the water before and after the burning of the coal is then determined. The increase in temperature is a measure of the heat-producing power of the coal. This is a delicate operation, requiring complicated and expensive instruments.

The thermometers used in this work were standardized by the Physical Department of the Johns Hopkins University, using the hydrogen scale. All these determinations of heat values were made at room temperatures (15° C. to 25° C.). The particular instrument used in these determinations was a calorimeter constructed for the Survey by Mr. Henry J. Williams of Boston.*

*New England Railway Club, meeting of Dec. 13th, 1898; Chas. L. Reese, Popular Science, Aug., 1899.

A brief description of this instrument and its use are set forth here. There are four principal parts to this instrument, which may be designated as follows: an outer double-walled vessel called the jacket, an inner metallic can called the calorimeter can, a revolving stirrer,

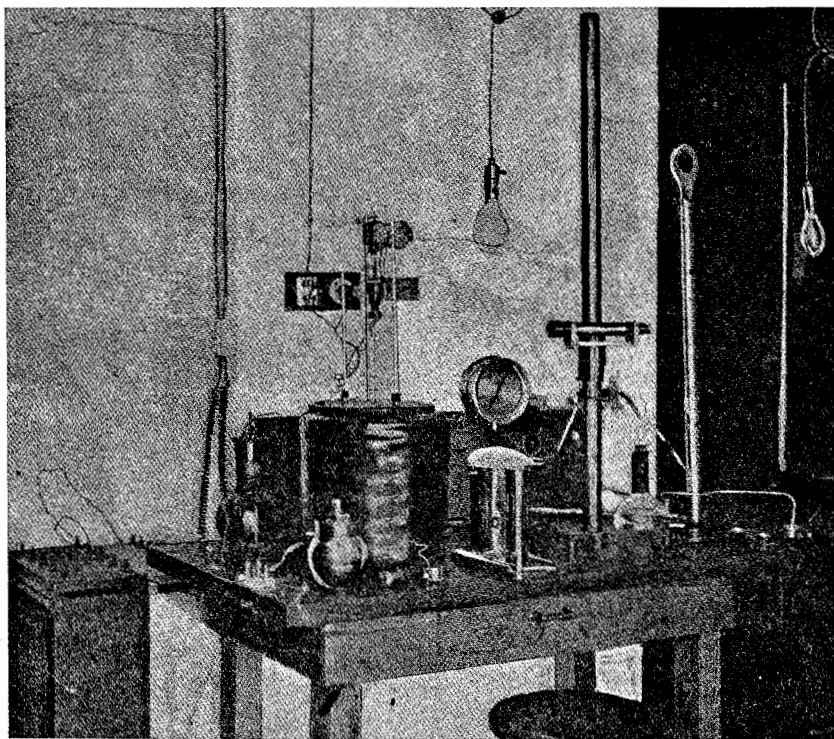


FIG. 55.—Williams' calorimeter and accessories used in testing the heating value of Maryland coals.

and the bomb. The outer double-walled vessel is about twelve inches in external diameter and seven inches inside diameter. It is covered externally by a layer of felt and oilcloth, to guard against changes of temperature due to outside influences; there is a thickly padded top that fits over the whole. Between the walls of this vessel is water as a further protection against changes due to external influences.

The inner or calorimeter can is made of highly polished metal with a projection on one side to admit the stirrer. This can rests upon a tripod of non-conducting material, which lies within the jacket in such a way as to prevent contact between the calorimeter can and the outer vessel. The calorimeter can has a metallic lid, which, when placed upon it, leaves a space of about an inch between it and the inner wall of the jacket, thus giving to the contents of the can the further protection of this stratum of air.

The stirrer consists of two propellers placed upon a vertical shaft, rotated by an electric motor. This shaft passes down through the bottom of the cylinder, about five inches above an opening in the side of the cylinder. When the stirrer is set in motion the propellers lift the water from the bottom of the can and discharge it through the side opening of the cylinder, thus insuring thorough mixing.

The "bomb" is a hollow sphere, with a threaded neck, into which screws a top carrying a small check valve. This top is screwed into the neck of the bomb, upon a soft tin washer by a large lever wrench, until a gas-tight joint is made. The bomb is made of aluminium bronze to withstand high pressures, and lined on the inside with gold to prevent corrosion.

The use of this instrument in determining the calorific value of a coal is briefly as follows: A quantity of the prepared sample is compressed into a tablet, which is then accurately weighed and placed in a platinum crucible, a fine platinum wire being adjusted so as to touch this tablet of coal, when the crucible is suspended in the bomb. After the top of the bomb is screwed tight upon the tin washer, pure oxygen gas is admitted through the check-valve until the pressure of the gas inside the bomb reaches three hundred and fifty pounds per square inch. The bomb is then placed in the calorimeter can and a weighed amount of water poured around it. The stirrer is then adjusted and the covers of the can and jacket properly closed. A very sensitive, accurately standardized thermometer is passed through holes provided in the two covers, into the water in the calorimeter can, the stirrer is set in motion and the temperature of this

water is carefully taken, using a telescope to read the thermometer. Then by an electric current the fine platinum wire, which is in contact with the tablet of coal, is fused, thus igniting the coal. The heat due to the burning of this coal in the bomb causes an increase in the temperature of the water in the calorimeter can, which is accurately measured by reading the standardized thermometer. The amount of change in degrees multiplied by the quantity of water used plus the "water equivalent" of the instrument, which has been carefully determined by experiment, gives the calorific value of the coal when exactly one gram of coal is burned.

EXAMINATION OF THE ASH.

This is simply a chemical analysis of the ash giving its various mineral constituents. In the proximate analyses no detailed examination of the ash has been made, but the results of such examinations are given in the table of ultimate analyses.

RESULTS.

All the coals in Maryland of commercial value are *semi-bituminous* and are used for steaming and smithing purposes.* They are all coking coals but, on account of their high value for steaming, are not used for making coke.

The ratio between the "fixed carbon" and the "volatile carbon" varies but slightly. The "moisture" is generally small, hence the value of the coal is almost entirely determined by the amounts of "ash" and "sulphur." The amounts of ash and sulphur are dependent to a large degree upon the care exercised in mining, though they vary in the different seams and in different parts of the same seam. The analyses furnish no data to explain these variations, nor can the part of the field from which the coal was taken be fixed by its analysis.

* This report, page 239.

The calorific value (heating value) of a coal is expressed in calories, "C," or British thermal units, "B. T. U." A calorie is the amount of heat necessary to raise one gram of water one degree centigrade, the British thermal unit is the amount of heat necessary to raise one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Therefore, in these tables when the heating value of a coal is given in calories it means that one gram of coal will heat that many grams of water one degree centigrade, while the "B. T. U." value means that one pound of coal will heat so many pounds of water one degree Fahrenheit.

The calorific value of a coal may be computed from its proximate analysis with sufficient accuracy for many commercial purposes by the following formula suggested by Goutal: *

$$P = 82C + AV.$$

In which P represents the calorific value.

C represents the percentage of fixed carbon.

V represents the percentage of volatile carbon, and

A represents a factor depending upon the proportion of volatile carbon in the coal.

These factors are given in the following table:

Coals containing Volatile Carbon	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	38%	40%
Corresponding Value of A in Calories.	145	130	117	109	103	98	94	85	80

It has been found that the above formula is correct to within a few per cent in the majority of coals, but as it does not give correct results upon some coals, it is not, therefore, considered entirely reliable.

It will be noticed that the volatile carbon has a higher calorific value per unit than the fixed carbon except in the highly bituminous coals.

* Ann. de chim. Anal., 1903, vol., viii. 1-4. Reviewed in The Analyst, vol. xxviii, 1903, p. 128.

The value of a coal for raising steam in an ordinary boiler is not entirely determined by the total number of heat units set free during combustion but is dependent largely upon other factors, the chief of which is that in burning a highly bituminous coal there is a greater loss of heat due to a part of the volatile matter passing up the stack as smoke and unburned hydrocarbon gases than in a coal containing less volatile carbon. Furthermore, these highly bituminous coals are likely to cause a deposit of soot which reduces the efficiency of the heating surfaces. In consequence of these and other considerations the loss of heat, when using highly bituminous coals, will commonly reach forty-five per cent or more, while, when using the best anthracite, this loss approximates twenty per cent.

The use of anthracite has the additional advantage of freedom from smoke, but has some disadvantages, the chief of which probably is the greater amount of ash occurring in small sizes of anthracite used for steaming. The bituminous coal has the advantage of quicker combustion, thus enabling a quicker raising of steam, less ash, and a higher heating value per unit of combustible, which facts render it superior to anthracite when used under the boiler.

TABLE OF ANALYSES OF MARYLAND COALS.
(ARRANGED BY BASINS, SEAMS, AND GEOGRAPHIC POSITION.)

ANALYSES OF SIDELING HILL COALS.

Pocono Coals.

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V. C.	F. C.	A.	S.		
Lonie Mizelle	Martin	...	0.92	8.73	35.73	54.63	.84	....	....
	.....	...	1.10	7.10	45.90	45.99	.22	....	....

ANALYSES OF GEORGES CREEK COALS.

Upper Sharon Coals.

Outcrop below Piedmont	Martin	323	.55	16.12	77.26	6.07	1.30	....	....
Outcrop 1 mile below Westernport	Martin	324	.38	16.16	70.73	12.73	5.68	....	....
Outcrop below Piedmont	Martin	...	.95	15.22	74.08	9.75	.59	....	....
Average composition .....			.55	16.12	77.26	6.07	2.52		

Brookville Coals.

Opening near Barrellville	Rutledge	328	1.15	15.93	72.77	10.15	2.21	....	....
Fairweather & Ladue, ½ mile S. Barrellville.	Rutledge	328	.85	17.71	71.60	9.84	1.16	....	....
Opening, Winters Run:									
(top)	Rowe	320	1.01	21.93	65.23	11.83	.83	7540	13,572
(breast)	Rowe	...	.85	22.44	67.44	9.27	1.08	7713	13,883
(bottom)	Rowe	...	.56	20.07	63.93	15.44	1.01	7260	13,068
Montell Tunnel, Loarville	Rutledge	330	.59	19.78	72.35	7.28	1.65	....	....
Opening, W. bank Warrior Run	Rutledge	331	1.10	22.55	70.70	5.65	1.86	....	....
Opening, W. bank Warrior Run	Rowe	331	.45	22.93	66.11	10.51	1.79	7783	14,009
Opening, W. bank Warrior Run	Rowe	331	1.45	21.74	65.97	10.84	1.43	7588	13,658
Opening, W. bank Warrior Run	Rowe	331	.87	22.98	70.43	5.72	.66	8089	14,580
Opening, W. bank Warrior Run	Rowe	331	1.21	23.36	70.67	4.76	.62	8135	14,643
Average composition .....			.91	21.04	68.83	9.22	1.30		
Average of those upon which calorimetric values were made .....			.91	22.02	67.12	9.77	1.06	7729	13,912

Clarion Coals.

Cumberland Basin Coal Co., Barrellville.....	Rutledge	332	.88	16.77	78.15	4.20	2.15	....	....
Cumberland Basin Coal Co., Barrellville.....	Rowe	332	.94	18.34	76.50	4.22	.95	8282	14,908
Cumberland Basin Coal Co., Barrellville.....	Rutledge	332	1.09	17.46	76.79	4.66	4.81	....	....
Opening J. O. J. Green, Westernport.....	Rutledge	332	.75	19.93	67.98	11.34	2.08	....	....
(top)	Rowe	332	.38	19.60	71.08	8.94	1.35	7918	14,252
(bottom)	Rowe	332	.36	20.09	72.94	6.61	1.28	8122	14,619
Opening Davis C. & C. Co., Westernport.....	Rutledge	332	.37	20.08	61.25	18.30	6.24	....	....
Average composition .....			.68	18.89	72.10	8.33	2.69	....	....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.56	19.34	73.51	6.59	1.19	8107	14,593

"Split-Six" Coals.

Opening old Gorman tippie, Franklin.....	Rutledge	333	1.40	15.84	71.18	11.58	2.77	....	....
Opening Piedmont & G. C. C. Co., Franklin..	Martin	333	.90	16.69	69.22	13.19	4.70	....	....
Opening Piedmont & G. C. C. Co., Franklin..	Dunn	333	1.72	17.80	69.42	11.06	4.31	....	....
Average composition			1.34	16.78	69.94	11.94	3.93	....	....

TABLE OF ANALYSES OF MARYLAND COALS.—*Continued.*ANALYSES OF GEORGES CREEK COALS.—*Continued.**Lower Kittanning Coals.*

	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
Opening 1 mile east Clarysville.....	Rutledge	335	1.37	18.26	64.64	15.73	0.62	.....	.....
"Franklin," Cumberland G.C.C.Co., Franklin	Rutledge	337	.78	16.90	59.69	22.63	2.71	.....	.....
"Franklin," Cumberland G.C.C.Co., Franklin	Dunn	337	.54	16.70	69.40	13.36	1.48	.....	.....
Piedmont-Cumberland C. Co., Franklin.....	Rutledge	337	.73	15.54	72.00	11.73	1.39	.....	.....
(breast)	Dunn	337	.78	15.54	75.43	8.25	1.10	7828	14,090
(bottom)	Dunn	337	.79	15.84	70.88	12.49	2.61	7463	13,433
"Tacoma," Piedmont & G.C.C.Co., Franklin	Rutledge	338	.65	17.31	68.82	13.22	1.37	.....	.....
(breast)	Dunn	338	.55	14.97	74.53	9.95	1.47	7536	13,365
(bottom)	Dunn	338	.57	19.73	69.99	9.71	2.49	.....	.....
Opening, J. O. J. Green, Westernport.....	Rutledge	339	1.60	17.55	71.53	9.32	1.28	.....	.....
(breast)	Rowe	339	.49	16.44	76.61	6.46	1.21	8100	14,506
(bottom)	Rowe	339	.46	16.55	73.30	9.69	0.88	7732	13,917
"Buxton," Davis C. & C. Co., Piedmont.....	Dunn	340	.59	15.80	75.85	7.76	1.22	7828	14,090
(top)	Rowe	340	.59	16.56	71.52	11.33	1.20	7625	13,725
(middle)	Rowe	340	.44	17.08	76.59	5.89	2.26	8061	14,510
(bottom)	Rowe	340	.42	18.89	65.65	15.04	1.03	7276	13,097
(floor) .....	.....	340	.56	15.59	70.92	12.93	1.12	7702	13,863
Average composition .....			.70	16.78	71.03	11.49	1.55	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.57	16.58	72.14	10.71	1.33	7677	13,819

Lower Freeport Coal.

Opening, old Gorman Plane, Franklin.....	Rutledge	341	0.67	18.58	67.18	13.57	5.26
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Upper Freeport Coals.

"Brant," Braddock C. Co., Clarysville.....	Rutledge	342	.93	17.19	71.63	10.25	3.73
Opening, Buskirk Farm, Gilmore.....	Rutledge	343	1.49	17.71	62.59	18.21	2.36	.....	.....
"Morrison," Frostburg C. M. Co., Morrison..	Rutledge	343	.82	16.50	74.59	8.09	1.84	.....	.....
"Morrison," Frostburg C. M. Co., Morrison..	Dunn	343	.55	15.37	74.26	9.82	1.56	7712	13,881
(top)	Rowe	343	.46	16.73	71.49	11.32	1.20	7605	13,689
(bottom)	Rowe	343	.97	17.56	71.32	10.15	1.28	7806	14,051
Opening, old Gorman Plane, Franklin.....	.....	344	.72	19.23	60.18	19.87	2.72	.....	.....
Average composition .....			.85	17.18	69.44	12.53	2.09	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.66	16.55	72.36	10.43	1.35	7707	13,862

Brush Creek (Masontown) Coals.

Opening, Coleman's, Lonaconing	Rutledge	346	1.08	19.47	62.64	16.81	2.26	.....	.....
Opening, J. Mowbray, Barton	Rutledge	347	1.07	16.44	70.78	11.71	2.88	.....	.....
Opening, H. Moore, Barton	Rutledge	347	.67	17.61	70.44	11.28	3.57	.....	.....
Opening, J. O. J. Green, Phoenix	Rutledge	348	.70	16.74	67.67	14.89	1.69	.....	.....
Opening, Wm. Neff, Phoenix	Rutledge	349	.90	16.75	72.75	9.60	1.54	.....	.....
Opening, Athey's, Phoenix	Rutledge	349	4.42	18.56	70.74	6.28	.63	.....	.....
"Morrison," Frostburg C. M. Co., Morrison..	.....	349	.57	15.60	68.50	15.33	2.60	.....	.....
Opening, S. Franklin .....	.....	350	.55	15.80	60.77	22.88	3.08	.....	.....
Average composition			1.24	17.12	68.04	13.60	2.28	.....	.....

TABLE OF ANALYSES OF MARYLAND COALS.—*Continued.*ANALYSES OF GEORGES CREEK COALS.—*Continued.**Bakerstown Coals.*

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
Opening, Mt. Savage	Rutledge	350	1.00	18.66	69.20	11.14	2.59	.....	.....
Opening, near Clarysville	Rutledge	352	.88	16.55	66.60	15.97	.60	.....	.....
Opening, near Loarville	Rutledge	353	.88	18.76	65.38	14.98	.83	.....	.....
Opening, Md. C. Co., Koontz	Rutledge	353	1.10	16.32	66.17	16.41	1.81	.....	.....
Opening, J. Wier, Lonaconing	Rutledge	354	1.59	20.62	68.86	8.93	0.86	.....	.....
Opening, J. Wier, Lonaconing	Martin	355	.92	18.44	62.17	18.47	1.74	.....	.....
Opening, Hansell Farm, Lonaconing	Rutledge	356	.90	18.60	64.16	16.34	3.73	.....	.....
Opening, between Pekin and Moscow	Rutledge	358	.60	16.56	70.28	12.56	6.62	.....	.....
Opening, between Pekin and Moscow	Rutledge	358	.98	17.54	72.06	9.42	1.97	.....	.....
Opening, near Moscow Mills	Rutledge	358	1.16	17.74	73.10	8.00	2.09	.....	.....
Opening, A. B. Shaw, Barton	Rutledge	359	1.00	18.06	70.40	10.54	2.30	.....	.....
Opening, A. B. Shaw, Barton	Rutledge	359	.82	17.33	72.00	9.85	1.55	.....	.....
Opening, 3 m. n. w. Barton	Rutledge	359	1.95	18.25	76.25	3.55	.51	.....	.....
"Moscow No. 2," Moscow-G. C. M. Co., Barton	Rutledge	360	.68	17.01	68.39	13.92	4.58	.....	.....
"Moscow No. 2," Moscow-G. C. M. Co., Barton	Dunn	360	1.16	19.19	71.72	7.93	3.38	.....	.....
"Swanton," Chapman M. Co., Barton	Rutledge	360	.93	19.28	70.24	9.55	1.99	.....	.....
"Swanton," Chapman M. Co., Barton	Dunn	360	.41	16.66	68.87	14.06	1.01	.....	.....
Opening, M. N. Fazenbaker, Barton	Rutledge	360	1.72	19.60	67.48	11.20	1.79	.....	.....
"Potomac," Union M. Co., Barton	Rutledge	361	1.00	18.51	70.28	10.21	1.78	.....	.....
"Potomac," Union M. Co., Barton (top).....	Rowe	361	.64	17.92	72.42	9.02	1.84	7830	14,094
"Potomac," Union M. Co., Barton (bottom).	Rowe	361	.60	17.71	72.93	8.76	.59	7938	14,288
Opening, S. Ross, Barton	Rutledge	361	.79	17.42	73.87	7.92	1.51	.....	.....
Opening, Henry Moore, Barton	Rutledge	362	.75	18.91	72.05	8.29	3.05	.....	.....
Opening, Isabel Myer, Barton	Rutledge	362	.97	19.09	71.75	8.19	1.41	.....	.....
Opening, Ezra Michael, Phoenix	Rutledge	363	.98	17.12	73.30	8.60	2.11	.....	.....
Opening, T. P. Michael, Westernport	Rutledge	364	1.40	17.21	76.82	4.57	1.72	.....	.....
Opening, Fazenbaker, Westernport	Rutledge	364	.70	19.93	70.74	8.63	3.02	.....	.....
"Eckhart," Phoenix & G. C. M. Co., Morrison	Rutledge	365	.62	16.99	74.44	7.95	1.85	.....	.....
"Eckhart," Phoenix & G. C. M. Co., Morrison	Dunn	365	.59	17.18	73.50	8.73	1.29	7570	13,626
Morrison, Frostburg C. M. Co., Morrison.....	Rutledge	365	.72	16.47	72.80	10.01	2.48	.....	.....
Morrison, Frostburg C. M. Co., Morrison.....	Dunn	365	1.29	19.41	67.76	11.54	3.04	.....	.....
Opening, Cumberland & G. C. C. Co., Franklin	Rutledge	366	1.05	16.78	72.11	10.06	3.13	.....	.....
"Penn," Cumberland & G. C. C. Co., Frank- lin	Dunn	366	.72	17.95	73.11	8.22	1.77	7794	14,029
Opening, Jas. Grove, Westernport	Rutledge	367	.88	16.89	74.89	7.34	2.48	.....	.....
Opening, M. Gannon, Franklin	Rutledge	368	1.12	16.85	71.87	10.16	1.19	.....	.....
Opening, Piedmont G. C. C. Co., Franklin....	Rutledge	368	3.58	18.75	70.75	6.92	.65	.....	.....
Average composition			1.03	17.98	70.80	10.19	2.08	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.64	17.69	72.99	8.68	1.38	7783	14,009

Friendsville Coals.

N. W. Mt. Savage	Dunn	...	.96	18.71	70.67	9.66	2.01	7776	13,997
Opening, near Clarysville	Rutledge	369	.86	17.55	69.70	11.89	1.85
			1.12	19.38	71.88	7.62	3.12
Average composition98	18.84	70.75	9.73	2.32

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 ANALYSES OF GEORGES CREEK COALS.—*Continued.*

Lonaconing Coals.

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
Opening, New Central C. Co., Koontz	Rutledge	370	.75	22.42	68.19	8.64	3.31	.....	.....
Opening, Georges Cr. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	370	.78	18.05	64.34	16.83	3.33	.....	.....
Outcrop, Preble's, Lonaconing	Rutledge	371	.84	17.09	66.88	15.19	3.16	.....	.....
Opening, New Central C. Co., Lonaconing....	Rutledge	371	.65	18.26	70.32	10.77	3.74	.....	.....
Opening, Hohing's, Lonaconing	Rutledge	371	.61	17.16	63.16	19.07	3.27	.....	.....
Average composition .....			.73	18.59	66.58	14.10	3.36	.....	.....

Franklin Coals.

Opening, Georges Cr. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	373	1.77	20.16	71.00	7.07	1.11	.....	.....
Opening, American C. Co., Barton	Rutledge	374	.92	17.38	67.14	14.56	2.83	.....	.....
Mine, Potomac C. Co., Barton	Rutledge	374	.69	20.18	69.11	10.02	2.33	.....	.....
Opening, Old Gorman Plane, Franklin.....	Rutledge	373	1.35	18.08	67.40	13.17	1.23	.....	.....
Old Franklin Plane, Franklin.....	Rowe	375	.74	18.13	60.88	20.25	2.76	6944	12,499
Old Franklin Plane, Franklin.....	Rowe	375	.79	18.51	70.72	9.98	3.01	7869	14,164
Old Franklin Plane, Franklin.....	Rowe	375	.72	19.77	65.53	13.98	5.13	7382	13,188
Potomac C. Co.	Dunn	...	.52	17.83	70.96	10.69	2.02	7776	13,997
Average composition .....			.94	18.76	67.84	12.46	2.55	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.69	18.56	67.02	13.73	3.23	7493	13,487

Little Pittsburg Coals.

"Bonney," New Castle C. Co., Lonaconing..	Rutledge	376	1.10	19.48	68.12	11.30	1.22	.....	.....
Opening, American C. Co., Pekin	Martin	377	.82	19.94	68.90	10.34	1.51	.....	.....
Opening, American C. Co., Pekin	Dunn	377	.63	19.75	71.84	7.78	1.49	7829	14,092
Opening, E. Michael, Franklin	Rutledge	378	1.27	21.24	68.33	9.16	1.21	.....	.....
Opening, O. C. Fazenbaker, Rock Church....	Rutledge	378	5.33	22.10	63.39	9.18	.76	.....	.....
Average composition			1.83	20.50	68.12	9.55	1.24	.....	.....

Pittsburg Coals.

Geo. Cr. Bald Knob C. Co., Mt. Savage.....	Dunn	379	.57	18.37	66.74	14.32	.94	7356	13,241
"Borden," B. G. C. V. C. Co., Carlos:									
(breast)	Dunn	595	.57	19.04	74.61	5.78	.71	8052	14,494
(bottom)	Dunn	595	.54	19.16	72.17	8.13	1.17	7830	14,094
"Union No. 1," Union M. Co., Frostburg:									
(breast)	Dunn	382	.58	18.34	74.51	6.57	.88	8002	14,404
(breast)	Reese	382	.76	17.94	74.11	7.19	.94	8003	14,405
(bottom)	Dunn	382	.73	18.44	70.22	10.61	1.83	7604	13,687
(bottom)	Reese	382	.99	17.82	71.63	9.56	2.05	7754	13,957
(bottom)	Reese	382	1.03	18.65	72.20	8.12	1.19	7709	13,876
"Washington," Piedmont & G. C. C. Co.,									
Eckhart (breast)	Dunn	598	.69	18.12	73.48	7.71	1.69	.....	.....
(bottom)	Dunn	598	.71	17.60	75.86	5.83	.94	7969	14,342
"Hoffman," Consol. C. Co., Hoffman (breast)	Dunn	564	.73	17.75	74.07	7.45	.80	7836	14,105
"Pumping Shaft," Consol. C. Co., Borden:									
(breast)	Reese	572	.67	17.66	74.37	7.30	.87	7984	14,371
(ply)	Reese	572	.59	18.91	72.66	7.84	1.49	7977	14,359
(bottom)	Reese	572	1.24	18.10	71.01	9.65	1.20	7736	13,925

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Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
"Carlos No. 1," Barton & G. C. C. Co., Carlos (breast)	Dunn	387	.73	18.83	74.96	5.48	.88	8057	14,503
Carlos (bottom)	Dunn	387	.72	19.00	71.49	8.79	1.07	7829	14,092
"Ocean No. 7," Consol. C. Co.: (breast)	Dunn	565	.64	19.23	72.26	7.87	.83	7732	13,917
(breast)	Reese	565	.28	19.52	73.41	6.79	.77	8046	14,483
(bottom)	Dunn	565	.66	19.19	71.92	8.23	1.07	7826	14,084
(bottom)	Reese	565	.81	19.57	70.73	8.89	1.26	7856	14,140
"Ocean No. 1," Consol. C. Co.: (breast)	Dunn	561	.67	18.19	72.41	8.73	.66	7788	14,018
(breast)	Reese	561	.73	20.38	72.83	6.06	.79	8142	14,656
(bottom)	Dunn	561	.72	18.64	70.42	10.22	1.71	7588	13,658
(bottom)	Reese	561	.81	19.90	70.93	8.36	1.38	7942	14,296
"Enterprise," Midland M. Co., Midland: (breast)	Dunn	598	.65	17.89	75.28	6.18	.60	8042	14,475
(bottom)	Dunn	598	.83	17.80	71.55	9.82	1.45	7599	13,678
Columbia No. 9, G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing: (breast)	Dunn	580	.63	18.20	75.03	6.14	.66	7909	14,236
(bottom)	Dunn	580	.74	18.90	74.22	6.14	.66	7835	14,103
"Ocean No. 8," Consol. C. Co., Midland: (breast)	Dunn	571	.53	18.39	75.68	5.40	.78	8085	14,553
(bottom)	Dunn	571	.71	19.11	72.70	7.48	.82	7780	14,004
"Ocean No. 8," Consol. C. Co., Midland: (breast)	Dunn	570	.58	19.16	74.55	5.71	.79	8124	14,623
(bottom)	Dunn	570	.59	18.57	74.35	6.49	.78	7977	14,349
"Koontz," New Central C. Co., Koontz: (breast)	Dunn	591	.69	20.16	71.50	7.56	.55	7983	14,369
"No. 1," G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing: (breast)	Dunn	577	.63	18.58	74.86	5.93	.74	8058	14,504
(breast)	Dunn	577	.69	18.44	68.99	11.83	1.03	.....	.....
(bottom)	Dunn	577	.74	19.37	72.11	7.78	1.83	7811	14,059
"Appleton," Md. C. Co., Lonaconing (breast)	Dunn	587	.45	19.77	74.76	5.02	.55	8123	14,621
"Pine Hill," G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing: (breast)	Dunn	582	.51	19.28	73.99	6.22	.81	8048	14,486
(breast)	Dunn	582	.53	19.76	71.85	7.86	1.06	.....	.....
(bottom)	Dunn	582	.74	19.48	68.25	11.53	1.46	7441	13,394
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing (breast)	Dunn	587	.65	20.12	71.81	7.42	.82	7922	14,260
"Shamrock," Lonaconing C. Co., Lonaconing: (breast)	Dunn	603	.72	18.61	75.06	5.61	.71	8144	14,650
(bottom)	Dunn	603	.45	19.68	72.07	7.80	.71	7816	14,069
"Jackson No. 5," American C. Co., Lonaconing (bottom) .....	.....	589	.75	19.57	70.84	8.84	1.18	7667	13,801
"Moscow," Piedmont M. Co., Barton (breast)	Dunn	603	.79	18.41	74.20	6.60	.72	7946	14,303
"Caledonia," American C. Co., Barton: (breast) .....	.....	590	.52	18.52	74.57	6.39	.64	8079	14,542
(bottom)	Dunn	590	.89	18.02	72.82	8.27	1.40	7775	13,995
"Excelsior," M. P. Gannon: (breast)	Dunn	396	.74	19.83	73.56	5.87	.55	8070	14,526
(bottom) .....	.....	396	.71	18.39	75.70	5.20	.68	8072	14,530
"Scrap No. 1," Davis C. & C. Co., Franklin: (breast)	Dunn	613	.67	18.89	71.94	8.50	2.29	7875	14,175
(bottom)	Dunn	613	.56	18.99	74.77	5.68	.64	8091	14,564

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Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calorimetric value calories	Calorimetric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
Mt. Savage:									
(breast)	Dunn	...	.61	18.07	75.35	5.97	.76	7966	14,339
(bottom) .....	.....	...	.67	18.77	75.65	4.91	.75	8051	14,492
Average composition .....			.70	18.81	72.96	7.26	1.01	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.68	18.81	72.97	7.24	1.01	7902	14,213

Lower Sewickley Coals.

Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing.....	Rutledge	399	.79	19.98	67.74	11.49	2.22	.....	.....
Pumping Shaft, Consol. C. Co.	Reese	572	.93	18.61	74.68	5.78	1.18	8029	14,452
Average composition .....			.86	19.29	71.22	8.63	1.70	.....	.....

Upper Sewickley Coals.

Opening, Piedmont & G. C. C. Co., Eckhart.	Rutledge	400	.83	18.18	71.90	9.09	1.34	.....	.....
Opening, New Central C. Co., Koontz	Rutledge	401	1.28	20.06	72.89	5.77	1.10	.....	.....
Opening, New Central C. Co., Koontz	Dunn	401	.81	20.06	73.55	5.58	.92	8015	14,427
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	401	2.09	22.21	64.57	11.13	1.05	.....	.....
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	401	1.10	19.26	70.95	8.69	1.42	.....	.....
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing	Dunn	401	.65	21.26	69.49	8.60	1.44	7708	13,874
Opening, G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing	Dunn	402	.81	20.18	70.24	8.77	1.23	7783	14,009
Opening, G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	402	.70	21.22	70.50	7.58	1.19	.....	.....
Opening, G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing .....	.....	402	.83	20.05	73.59	5.53	1.01	.....	.....
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing	Dunn	402	.66	19.75	70.05	9.54	1.10	7688	13,838
Opening, Md. C. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	402	.83	20.93	71.02	7.32	1.65	.....	.....
"Caledonia," Amer. C. Co., Barton.....	Rutledge	403	.59	19.59	65.87	13.95	1.49	.....	.....
(breast)	Dunn	403	1.18	20.26	69.55	9.01	1.95	7596	13,672
(bottom) .....	.....	403	.48	19.22	69.97	10.33	1.09	7679	13,322
Davis C. & C. Co., Franklin:									
(top)	Rowe	404	.47	20.20	67.46	11.87	1.22	7585	13,653
(breast)	Rowe	404	.31	21.50	71.91	6.28	1.13	8164	14,695
(ply)	Rowe	404	.99	19.61	71.04	8.36	1.64	7983	13,909
(bottom)	Rowe	404	.38	20.50	67.11	12.01	2.26	7636	13,745
Average composition .....			.83	20.22	70.09	8.86	1.40	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.67	20.25	70.04	9.04	1.40	7784	14,011

Uniontown Coal.

Opening, Amer. C. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	589	.65	18.76	63.77	16.82	4.93
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Waynesburg Coals.

"Koontz," New Central C. Co., Koontz.....	Dunn	405	.92	21.15	70.08	7.85	1.57	7709	13,876
"Koontz," New Central C. Co., Koontz.....	Rutledge	405	1.65	19.30	67.36	11.69	1.65	.....	.....
Opening, G. C. C. & I. Co., Lonaconing.....	.....	577	.64	19.67	69.46	10.23	1.83	.....	.....
Opening, Amer. C. Co., Lonaconing	Rutledge	589	1.09	19.92	69.94	9.05	2.28	.....	.....
Opening, Amer. C. Co., Lonaconing	Dunn	589	.82	19.82	71.71	7.65	.92	7784	14,011
Pumping Shaft, Consol. C. Co.	Reese	572	2.21	19.53	68.25	10.01	0.80	7415	13,347
Average composition			1.22	19.89	69.47	9.42	1.51	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			1.32	20.16	70.01	8.51	1.09	7636	13,745

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ANALYSES OF POTOMAC BASIN COALS.*Lower Kittanning Coals.*

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calori- metric value calories	Calori- metric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V. C.	F. C.	A.	S.		
Opening near Windom	Martin	413	1.40	17.58	70.79	10.23	1.55	7532	13,557
"Barnum" Monroe C. M. Co., Barnum.....	.....	415	.52	14.76	74.03	10.69	1.17	7788	14,018
"Barnum" Monroe C. M. Co., Barnum.....	.....	415	.67	15.39	72.42	11.52	1.06	7691	13,844
(top)	Martin	418	1.24	16.96	72.44	9.36	1.06	7692	13,846
(top)	Martin	415	1.02	17.08	65.37	16.53	5.07	.....	.....
(bottom)	Martin	415	1.11	15.76	69.50	13.63	2.91	7241	13,034
Fahey's Mine, Blaine:									
(top)	Martin	419	3.61	17.86	69.52	9.01	.79	7438	13,388
(bottom)	Martin	419	3.32	22.43	63.18	11.07	.49	7280	13,104
Opening, Cosner, Wilson:									
(top)	Martin	424	2.13	22.75	62.56	12.56	4.35	.....	.....
(bottom) .....	.....	424	1.04	19.52	64.20	15.24	3.82	7132	12,838
Opening, Arnold, Dobbin:									
(top) .....	.....	425	2.46	25.35	64.76	7.43	1.53	7684	13,831
(bottom) .....	.....	425	1.26	24.01	60.51	14.22	2.02	7260	13,068
Average composition			1.65	19.12	67.44	11.79	2.15	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			1.66	18.96	68.14	11.24	1.64	7474	13,453

Upper Kittanning Coals.

Tasker's, near Swanton	Martin	430	.49	17.05	69.85	12.61	2.75	7625	13,725
Tasker's, near Swanton	Martin	430	.72	19.48	66.57	13.23	3.99	7399	13,318
Average composition .....			.60	18.27	68.21	12.92	3.37	7512	13,522

Upper Freeport Coals.

Tasker's, near Chaffee	Martin	431	1.02	17.07	77.04	4.87	.83	8149	14,668
Harvey's, near Gorman	Martin	435	.92	20.24	68.99	9.85	1.36	7652	13,774
Davis C. & C. Co., Thomas	Rowe	437	.71	17.61	75.70	5.98	.71	8168	14,702
Average composition .....			.88	18.31	73.91	6.90	.96	7990	14,382

Brush Creek Coals.

Tasker's, near Chaffee	Martin	439	.78	17.58	53.04	28.60	6.71	5947	10,705
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Bakerstown Coals.

G. C. Pattison, Bloomington	Martin	440	.82	17.38	70.33	11.47	2.56
Geo. W. Tichinel, near Chaffee	Martin	441	.91	18.18	72.57	8.34	3.05	7821	14,078
"Barnum" Monroe C. M. Co., Barnum.....	Martin	442	.29	16.93	73.07	9.71	1.14	7867	14,161
"Barnum" Monroe C. M. Co., Barnum.....	.....	442	.82	19.02	69.73	10.43	1.11	7742	13,935
"Sharpless," near Swanton .....	.....	442	.96	18.16	71.71	9.17	1.27	7784	14,011
"Sharpless," near Swanton .....	.....	442	.51	18.26	72.64	8.59	1.28	7871	14,168
"Tasker's," near Chaffee	Martin	443	1.77	18.96	70.55	8.72	3.01	7655	13,779
"Beckman's," near Blaine	Martin	444	1.11	17.30	72.83	8.76	.72	7737	13,926
Average composition .....			.90	18.02	71.68	9.40	1.77	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			.91	18.11	71.87	9.11	1.65	7782	14,008

Friendsville Coal.

"Harvey's," near Kelso Gap	Martin	449	.97	23.27	59.76	16.00	4.51	6943	12,497
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ANALYSES OF POTOMAC BASIN COALS.—*Continued.*

Pittsburg Coals.

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calorimetric value calories	Calorimetric value B. T. U.
			H ₂ O.	V.C.	F.C.	A.	S.		
Opening, near Shaw	Martin	450	1.21	19.98	74.28	4.53	1.11	8145	14,661
Opening, near Shaw:									
(top)	Rowe	449	.89	17.89	75.30	5.92	1.12	8121	14,618
(middle)	Rowe	449	.59	18.29	75.50	5.62	1.41	8169	14,704
(bottom)	Rowe	449	.59	17.60	76.35	5.46	1.38	8166	14,699
Average composition .....			.82	18.44	75.36	5.38	1.25	8150	14,670

ANALYSES OF CASTLEMAN BASIN COALS.

Clarion (?) Coal.

Opening, Legeer, Bittinger	Martin	456	.61	26.94	57.24	14.91	4.69	7093	12,767
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Lower Freeport Coals.

Opening, Trickey, near Bittinger	Martin	460	.63	24.08	67.03	8.26	0.91	7800	14,040
Opening, Breneman, near Bittinger	Martin	460	.78	24.02	66.50	8.70	1.96	7718	13,892
Average composition .....			.70	24.05	66.77	8.48	1.43	7759	13,966

Grantsville Coal.

Opening, Mogart, near Jennings Mills.....	Martin	...	2.23	21.21	63.78	12.78	2.55	7195	12,951
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Bakerstown Coals.

"Durst," near Jennings Mills	Martin	471	1.96	21.31	63.67	13.06	4.49	7350	13,230
Opening, Mogart, near Jennings Mills	Martin	472	1.16	21.36	63.60	8.88	2.39	7780	14,004
Breneman & Stark, near Bittinger	Martin	473	3.63	23.52	63.26	9.59	1.48	7500	13,500
Joel Breneman, near Bittinger	Martin	473	2.01	22.40	68.72	6.87	1.37	7857	14,142
F. N. Bittinger, near Bittinger	Martin	474	1.64	21.25	71.49	5.62	1.62	8043	14,477
Average composition			2.08	21.97	67.15	8.80	2.27	7706	13,871

Maynadler Coal.

L. Yommer, near Jennings Mills	475	.73	21.04	60.76	17.57	2.29	6900	12,420
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ANALYSES OF UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY COALS.

Lower Kittanning Coals.

Oakland C. & C. Co., Corinth	Martin	483	1.21	23.56	68.02	7.21	2.81	7769	13,984
Offut, near Crellin	Martin	484	1.11	22.70	64.04	12.15	4.71	7323	13,181
Guthrie, near Crellin	Martin	486	.76	24.89	64.05	10.30	1.29	7632	13,738
Ashby, near Crellin:									
(top)	Martin	487	1.12	23.13	64.94	10.81	1.44	7420	13,356
(bottom)	Martin	487	1.24	21.18	59.30	18.28	1.52	6746	12,143
Preston C. & L. Co., near Crellin	Martin	488	1.86	22.81	62.74	12.59	.89	7293	13,127
Average composition			1.22	23.04	63.85	11.89	2.11	7364	13,255

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ANALYSES OF UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY COALS.—*Continued.*

Lower Freeport Coals.

Mine	Collected by	See page	Chemical Composition					Calorimetric value calories	Calorimetric value B. T. U.
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Courrell, near Orellin	Martin	490	1.29	23.72	54.22	20.77	2.96	6460	11,628
Opening, Michler Line	Martin	490	10.64	21.80	45.94	21.62	.47	5505	9,909
Average composition			5.97	22.76	50.08	21.19	1.71	5982	10,767

Upper Freeport Coal.

Nethken, near Oakland	Martin	492	1.46	20.98	66.99	10.57	3.53	7594	13,669
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Bakerstown Coal.

Kimmel, near Swallow Falls	495	.80	30.81	58.22	10.17	3.18	7748	13,946
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ANALYSES OF LOWER YOUGHIOGHENY COALS.

Lower Kittanning Coals.

Opening, near King	Martin	497	1.76	22.81	62.77	12.66	1.89	7442	13,396
Isaac Meyer, Friendsville (top)	Martin	499	4.47	22.74	53.72	19.07	3.27	6690	12,042
Isaac Meyer, Friendsville (bottom)	Martin	499	1.61	23.14	55.10	20.15	3.08	6880	12,384
Browning & Custer, Friendsville	Martin	498	2.26	23.40	62.80	11.54	3.52	7441	13,394
O. Friend, Friendsville .....	.....	499	1.07	23.31	64.49	11.13	5.53	7752	13,953
O. Friend, Friendsville	Martin	499	.98	23.55	62.58	12.89	3.71	7493	13,487
White Rock, Sang Run .....	.....	500	1.44	24.28	61.81	12.47	2.33	7587	13,657
White Rock, Sang Run (top) .....	.....	500	1.75	23.16	66.47	8.62	3.54	.....	.....
Average composition			1.92	23.30	61.22	13.56	3.36	.....	.....
Av. of those determined calorimetrically.....			1.94	23.32	60.47	14.27	3.33	7326	13,187

Lower Freeport Coal.

Taylor Friend, Friendsville	Martin	504	2.32	23.39	56.13	18.16	6.64	6752	12,154
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Upper Freeport Coal.

H. Frazee, near Niles Mill	Martin	505	1.20	26.85	62.83	9.12	1.07	7712	13,882
H. Frazee, near Niles Mill	Martin	505	1.13	25.43	65.66	7.78	1.15	7806	14,051
C. Friend, Friendsville	Martin	507	4.58	24.22	64.59	6.61	.96	7442	13,395
Average composition			2.30	25.50	62.36	7.84	1.06	7653	13,775

Mahoning Coals.

H. Frazee, Selbysport	Martin	508	1.21	22.58	65.68	10.53	4.64	7631	13,796
Cobert, near Friendsville	Martin	509	1.42	23.34	59.79	15.45	3.37	7085	12,753
Average composition			1.31	22.96	62.74	12.99	4.00	7358	13,244

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